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DELAWARE and Wilmington SMSA LABOR MARKET TRENDS

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-HIGHLIGHTS-

- Delaware's third quarter unemployment rates reflect continued economic growth and the completion of model changeover activity in the auto industry.
- Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers declined over the quarter to $386.97.
- Delaware economists predict continued modest growth in the gross national product.
- American Trading Real Estate Properties Inc. began construction on a 208-room luxury hotel near Christiana Hospital.
- Delle Donne Associates has broken ground for an $18 million office park just west of Barley Mill Plaza.
- Federal officials approved more than $16 million for two housing projects in Wilmington.
- The former Sears Building and two neighboring buildings in Dover are being converted into a commercial and residential center.
- A new shopping center could spring up on U.S. 13 near Whiteoak Road in Dover by this time next year.
- Rax Restaurant on U.S. 13 near Dover Mall has closed its doors for business.
- Sussex County's largest shopping mall opens in March 1986.
- Liberty Bell Park in Philadelphia has closed its doors.
- The Philadelphia Consumer Price Index for all items rose by 0.2 percent in September.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		JUL	AUG	SEP 1/	JUL	AUG	SEP 1/	JUL	AUG	SEP 1/	JUL	AUG	SEP 1/
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1985	312.1	314.8	313.4	294.6	294.3	297.7	17.5	20.4	15.8	5.6	6.5	5.0
	1984	310.3	307.9	310.6	287.1	292.0	292.5	23.3	15.9	18.1	7.5	5.2	5.8
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1985	320.8	322.8	315.3	302.9	301.4	301.5	17.9	21.4	13.7	5.6	6.6	4.4
	1984	319.5	316.0	312.0	296.5	298.7	296.3	22.9	17.3	15.6	7.2	5.5	5.0
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1985	276.4	277.2	273.2	260.7	257.3	260.9	15.7	19.9	12.3	5.6	7.2	4.5
	1984	275.9	272.2	271.5	254.2	255.9	257.0	21.8	16.3	14.5	7.9	6.0	5.3
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ. 2/	1985	115314.0	115299.0	115818.0	106862.0	107172.0	107544.0	8451.0	8127.0	8274.0	7.3	7.0	7.1
	1984	113868.0	113629.0	113764.0	105377.0	105148.0	105394.0	8491.0	8481.0	8370.0	7.5	7.5	7.4
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ. 2/	1985	3893.0	3847.0	3879.0	3662.0	3678.0	3684.0	231.0	169.0	195.0	5.9	4.4	5.0
	1984	3829.0	3827.0	3822.0	3590.0	3594.0	3590.0	239.0	233.0	232.0	6.2	6.1	6.1
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ. 2/	1985	8241.0	8353.0	8492.0	7756.0	7844.0	7920.0	485.0	509.0	572.0	5.9	6.1	6.7
	1984	8116.0	8088.0	8103.0	7465.0	7477.0	7524.0	651.0	611.0	579.0	8.0	7.6	7.1
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ. 2/	1985	5569.0	5533.0	5581.0	5137.0	5117.0	5161.0	432.0	416.0	420.0	7.8	7.5	7.5
	1984	5529.0	5459.0	5494.0	5001.0	4916.0	4985.0	528.0	543.0	509.0	9.5	9.9	9.3
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1985	2305.6	2291.5	2277.5	2203.2	2194.1	2180.3	102.4	97.4	97.2	4.4	4.3	4.3
	1984	2276.6	2257.6	2241.8	2155.7	2144.2	2132.2	120.9	113.3	109.6	5.3	5.0	4.9

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LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE - 1)

Delaware's third-quarter unemployment rates registered 5.6 percent in July, 6.5 percent in August and 5.0 percent in September. This reflects continued growth in the State's economy as well as the completion of model changeover activity in the auto industry, which occurred in August. The non-seasonally adjusted rates were 5.6 percent in July, 6.6 percent in August, and a record-low 4.4 percent in September. The average number of persons in Delaware's civilian labor force increased to 313,400 during the third quarter.

Nationally, the unemployment rates indicated a moderate decrease over the year at 7.3 percent in July, 7.0 percent in August, and 7.1 percent in September.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE - 2)

Total state nonagricultural wage and salary employment, after reaching a new high in July and declining in August rose to 294,500 in September. The July increase was due to seasonal gains in food and kindred products, retail trade and local government. Machinery and transportation equipment was responsible for the August decline and September increase with a temporary layoff for retooling in connection with model changeover in the auto industry and the subsequent recall. Indicating a continued strong economy, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was significantly higher each month over the year-ago quarter. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Wilmington PMSA ended the quarter virtually unchanged from the previous quarter after an auto-related layoff in August and subsequent recall in September. As with the state, over-the-year gains were posted each month of the quarter.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE - 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware, after rising slightly in July, declined during August and September to end the quarter at $386.97. Machinery and transportation equipment was responsible for the aggregate monthly changes, with significant fluctuations in the amount of overtime worked at premium pay in the auto industry. PMSA average weekly earnings declined to $443.85 in September after rising in July.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry, which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.

DELAWARE STATEWIDE - Three Delaware economists, Frederick T. Dixon, Charles B. Reeder and William B. Bewley, Jr. predicted that modest growth in the gross national product - in the two percent range - will continue well into 1986.

Richard Scott-Ram, deputy chief economist for Chemical Bank of New York, overshadowed modest optimism stating that there is not going to be a recession at the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce's seventh Economic Summit meeting..... The new 1981 banking law that attracted 15 banks and 3,300 new jobs has had even more far reaching effects. The Delaware State Chamber of Commerce said the new banking jobs have created approximately 5,300 other jobs, increased personal income and bank deposits, created need for retail trade, generated more state and local tax revenues, and increased the number of homes to be built..... Chevron Corporation is seeking bids on its network of 4,800 gas stations in Delaware and 11 Eastern states. Heavy competition from cheap imports from Europe and Middle East were cited as reasons.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - Murray's Discount Clothiers closed its Merchants' Square store in early September, shortly before opening another outlet in Lancaster Outlet City on U.S. 30 in Lancaster, PA. The clothing store has been in the shopping center on Governor Printz Boulevard since 1957..... American Trading Real Estate Properties Inc. of Baltimore has started construction on a 208-room luxury hotel and a 90,000 square-foot office building just east of the Christiana Hospital on Delaware 7 and Churchmans Road at the ramp to Interstate 95. Owen W. Silvey, leasing manager for the eastern region, said the company is in the final stages of negotiation with a major hotel company.

Capitol Office Supply of Dover has signed a lease with Robert C. Peoples Inc. to open an office supply store in Glasgow. The 2,000 square foot store is under construction in a new shopping center at Delaware Routes 40 and 896..... The 80 year old Pennsylvania Building, the vacant railroad building between Wilmington's Amtrak Station and the Christiana River, has been sold to a real estate partnership. Pennsylvania Building L. P. plans a $3.5 million renovation for offices and a ground-floor restaurant. Restoration work by Healy Management Services will begin before the end of this year, and the first tenents should be able to move in by early spring.

Delle Donne and Associates has broken ground for an $18 million office park at Delaware Route 141 and 48, just west of Barley Mill Plaza. Three Wilmington corporations have signed leases for a total of 113,000 square feet. The remaining space, 67,500 square feet, is available for lease for $4 a square foot..... Eckerd Drug closed its two remaining lunch counters, one located at Ninth and Orange Streets and one at Northtowne Plaza in Claymont. The closing was a regional decision, and approximately eight workers will be reassigned.

Federal Officials announced approval of more than $1.6 million for two housing projects in two Wilmington neighborhoods. The money, in the form of Urban Development Action Grants from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, was awarded to Wilmington to help pay for the development and renovation of 136 houses and apartments. Community Housing Inc., a management and development company, plans to construct a 114-unit apartment complex in the city's Asbury Heights area. The inter-Neighborhood Foundation, a non-profit corporation, will develop 17 manufactured, or prefabricated, houses in the city's Upper East Side area near 12th and Wilson Streets.

KENT COUNTY - A Smyrna-based manufacturer plans to convert the idle East Wind Industries Inc. plant in North Clayton into an industrial park with three factories, a warehouse and the potential for more than 175 new jobs. Metal Masters Foodservice Equipment Co., Inc. purchased the 370,000 square-foot plant..... Scott Paper Co. is planning a $1.9 million expansion of its Dover warehouse, doubling its storage capacity. Construction began in mid-October with completion by April 1, 1986, according to Charles Taylor, general manager of the Dover plant. No additional hiring is planned in conjunction with the expansion.

Dover-based Brockstedt and Associates recently began converting the former three-level Sears, Roebuck and Company Store and two neighboring buildings on Lockerman Street into a commercial and residential center, to be named Lockerman Square. When the Square is completed next year, it will add new offices, retail space, apartments, a health club and a restaurant and lounge to the city's lineup. Also plans have been made for 18 one- and two-bedroom apartments on the building's upper floor and on a rooftop penthouse deck that the company proposes to add to the building..... Workers began construction on the Pep Boys Automotive Store on U.S. 13 in Dover. The 20,000 square-foot Dover store, almost directly in front of Dover Downs, is expected to be completed in late November or early December and should employ 30-35 people.

A new shopping center could spring up on U.S. 13 near Whiteoak Road by this time next year. Development is being managed by an Atlanta, GA based partnership called Zaremba CenterPoint, which specializes in shopping centers. If the rezoning application is approved, construction could begin in March 1986, with completion targeted for October or November 1986. About 600 new retail jobs would be created by the center..... Groundbreaking for Liberty Plaza shopping center on U.S. 13 just south of the Colony Inn Motel and Restaurant in Harrington was set for October 9, according to Dennis E. Silicato, of Silicato Construction. The company target date for opening is March 1, 1986.

Rax Restaurant on U.S. 13 near Dover Mall closed September 29, after little more than a year in business. According to Bradford J. Currie, area franchise supervisor for Rax Restaurants Inc. based in Columbus, Ohio, the restaurant closed because of a primary lack of awareness of what Rax was in the area, a lot of competition and a lack of sales..... A new safeway food market is tentatively scheduled to open in Milford in December, with plans to hire 60-70 people.

SUSSEX COUNTY - Imports of textile nylon have caused the Seaford Nylon Plant - DuPont Co. to put 75 workers on alternate work weeks and to displace 20 more. If conditions do not improve by fall, more drastic measures may be taken. Robert L. Weber, site service superintendent for the plant, also confirmed that 40 percent of the plant's textile nylon machinery has been shut down. The nylon plant is the largest DuPont-owned in the country and employs 2,400 workers.

Plans for a four-story hotel a block from the boardwalk in Rehoboth Beach have been presented to the Sussex County office of Economic Development. Packem Associates is seeking $3 million in county industrial revenue bonds to finance the hotel. The hotel is to be located at Wilmington Avenue and South First Street and will include 66 guest rooms, two retail stores and a restaurant..... The Atlantic Sands Motel, on the boardwalk between Maryland and Baltimore

Avenues, is to be expanded from 82 to 220 rooms..... Construction of Beebe Hospital's new five-story patient wing began in September. In addition, three satellite medical facilities will be established in Bethany Beach, Georgetown/ Milton and Millsboro. These satellites will provide primary health care to residents of those areas.

More than $10 million in industrial revenue bonds for the construction of a shopping center near Georgetown and a new hotel in Rehoboth Beach were approved in October by the Sussex County Council. A 100,000 square-foot shopping center, which is to be built by Richard A. Reiman and Co., will be located on a 12-acre site on the southwest corner of U.S. 113 and Del. 9. A four-story, 66-room hotel would be located at Wilmington Avenue and South First Street. Sussex County Administrator, Joseph T. Conaway, said there will be 13 year-round jobs, 30 part-time jobs and 75 jobs during construction..... The owners of the Pot Nets and Indian Landing mobile home parks along Sussex 22 asked Sussex Planning and Zoning Commission to allow development of a new 503-lot mobile home park. The park is to be named Pot Nets West, and is the second expansion request made by Tunnell Companies Limited Partnership this year.

Sussex County's largest shopping mall, located on 20 acres of land at the intersection of Del. 1 and Sussex 274 in Rehoboth Beach, opens in March 1986. About 85 percent of the 185,000 square-feet available at the Rehoboth Mall has been leased.

SURROUNDING AREAS - About 650 employees of the Prince George's County public hospital system were laid off in a staff reduction move. As with most Maryland hospitals facing budget problems, the Prince George's hospitals sited sharp declines in their occupancy rates in recent years.

Anderson-Stokes Inc., the largest real estate firm on the Eastern Shore, with 21 offices, has formed a wholly-owned insurance subsidiary, Anderson-Stokes Insurance Co. The company opened its office at 3 Goldsborough Street in Easton, MD, and a full-service firm licensed to operate in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia..... Liberty Bell Park, in Philadelphia, unable to compete with other race tracks and the Atlantic City casinos for gambling dollars, has closed its doors. Treasurer Michael F. Green said Liberty Bell opened 20 years ago as the first pari-mutual track in Pennsylvania.

AUTO INDUSTRY - General Motors Corp. launched the first attack of what's become known as "car wars" when it announced company-financed interest rates of 7.7 percent. Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler followed with low rates and rebates. These rates are the lowest ever offered directly by the Big Three automakers financing subsidiaries..... The new Yugoslavian subcompact car, Yugo made its first appearance in Dover in late August. The new car sold for $3,990 and according to sales manager, James Mayberrie of Kent County Motor Sales, they were "selling like hotcakes."

Domestic auto sales rocketed 71% in the final 10 days of August to a level the industry hasn't seen in a decade, mainly because of low interest sales incentives. Sales for mid-September rose 32.3 percent compared with a year ago and set a

record for the third consecutive 10-day selling period, according to manufacturer's reports..... Some 80,000 autoworkers in the United States and Canada, including 4,100 workers involved at the Newark, DE plant, went on strike against Chrysler Corp. for approximately two weeks in October. Analysts said the strike could cost Chrysler up to $15 million a day. Workers approved a new contract that restores them to equal pay with fellow union autoworkers. The national contract will cost Chrysler more than $1 billion in additional labor costs over the previous pact that expired October 15.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 AND 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the third quarter of 1985 were with a benefit amount of $5,990,391 paid out.

The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment was $119 for the third quarter.

There were 6,600 claimants who received a first payment. The quarterly increase was due to layoffs in the auto industry for model changeover.

The Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) Program which represents extended benefit payments ended during the second quarter of 1985.

Continued claim counts increased to 52,500 during the third quarter.

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

The following list, by broad occupational category, indicates the number of job applicants available through the Division of Employment and Training as of September 1985.

Occupational Group	Active Applicants	Percent of Total
Total Applicants	8,036	100.0
Professional, Tech. & Managerial	968	12.0
Clerical	1,468	18.3
Sales	294	3.7
Services	1,916	23.8
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	142	1.8
Processing	368	4.6
Machine Trades	446	5.6
Benchwork	231	2.9
Structural Trades	1,201	14.9
Transportation	491	6.1
Packaging, Material Handling	455	5.7
Miscellaneous and not assigned	56	0.7

Employers with job openings are urged to utilize this labor source and contact the Division of Employment and Training at the new 24-hour hotline number 1-800-231-5627.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE - 6)

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all items rose by 0.4 percent in July as a result of sharply higher food and medical costs. The July to August increase was a moderate 0.1 percent, reflecting lower food prices. September CPI rose 0.2 percent as reductions in housing and apparel prices nearly offset a significant increase in the other goods and services categories, particularly educational expenses as well as a steep rise of food away from home in the food and beverage category.

Nationally, the September index was 324.5 representing a gain of 3.2 percent during the past 12 months.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	DELAWARE						WILMINGTON SMSA					
	1985			1984			1985			1984		
	JULY	AUG.	SEPT. 1/	JULY	AUG.	SEPT. 1/	JULY	AUG.	SEPT. 1/	JULY	AUG.	SEPT. 1/
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	295.4	292.3	294.5	283.8	287.0	287.3	254.0	250.4	254.3	246.2	248.4	250.6
Manufacturing	70.4	67.5	70.3	69.1	71.7	72.3	61.5	58.1	61.2	60.8	62.9	64.4
Durable Goods	20.6	17.4	20.7	16.8	19.4	20.3	20.6	17.3	20.6	17.0	19.2	20.5
Primary Metals	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0
Fabricated Metals	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Mach. & Trans. Equipment	13.6	10.3	13.7	9.9	12.6	13.4	14.2	10.9	14.3	10.6	12.8	14.0
Other Durable Goods	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.1
Nondurable Goods	49.8	50.1	49.6	52.3	52.3	52.0	40.9	40.8	40.6	43.8	43.7	43.8
Food & Kindred Products	9.3	9.7	9.3	9.1	9.4	9.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1
Textile Mill Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Apparel	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.1
Printing & Publishing	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	29.4	29.2	29.2	32.5	32.2	32.1	31.3	31.2	31.1	34.3	34.2	34.0
Rubber & Plastics	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.7
Other Nondurable Goods	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8
Nonmanufacturing	225.0	224.8	224.2	214.7	215.3	215.1	192.4	192.4	193.0	185.3	185.5	186.3
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Construction	18.3	18.6	18.5	18.1	18.2	18.1	19.3	19.4	18.8	19.7	20.0	19.3
Trans. & Public Utilities	11.6	11.5	11.1	11.4	11.4	11.9	11.5	11.4	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.7
Trade	68.2	68.2	67.7	65.3	65.7	65.6	53.1	53.0	53.4	51.3	51.2	51.8
Wholesale	11.2	11.2	11.2	10.9	10.9	11.1	9.4	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.4
Retail	57.0	57.0	56.4	54.4	54.8	54.5	43.7	43.7	44.0	41.9	42.0	42.4
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	19.4	19.4	19.3	17.3	18.1	17.9	17.6	17.7	17.7	16.2	16.3	16.2
Services	62.5	62.2	62.0	58.8	58.6	59.4	55.8	55.6	55.0	52.0	51.8	52.4
Government	44.7	44.7	44.6	43.1	43.2	42.0	35.0	34.9	36.2	34.5	34.6	34.6
Federal	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.6	5.5	5.3	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.4
State & Local	39.2	39.2	39.3	37.6	37.7	36.7	30.6	30.4	31.8	30.0	30.1	30.2
State	19.6	19.5	20.9	18.9	19.1	20.2	12.0	11.9	13.4	11.5	11.6	12.8
Local	19.6	19.7	18.4	18.6	18.7	16.5	18.6	18.6	18.5	18.5	18.5	17.4
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.1

1/ Preliminary.

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE

TABLE-3

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
MANUFACTURING									
DURABLE GOODS									
Primary Metals									
Fabricated Metals									
Machinery & Trans. Equip.									
NONDURABLE GOODS									
Food & Kindred Products									
Textile Mill Products									
Apparel									
Printing & Publishing									
Chemicals & Allied Products									
Rubber & Plastic Products									
19									
MANUFACTURING									
DURABLE GOODS									
Primary Metals									
Fabricated Metals									
Machinery & Trans. Equip.									
NONDURABLE GOODS									
Food & Kindred Products									
Textile Mill Products									
Apparel									
Printing & Publishing									
Chemicals & Allied Products									
Rubber & Plastic Products									

Covers an average 35,000 production workers 1/ Preliminary

WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
MANUFACTURING									
DURABLE GOODS									
Primary Metals									
Fabricated Metals									
Machinery & Trans. Equip.									
NONDURABLE GOODS									
Food & Kindred Products									
Textile Mill Products									
Apparel									
Printing & Publishing									
Chemicals & Allied Products									
Rubber & Plastic Products									
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MANUFACTURING									
DURABLE GOODS									
Primary Metals									
Fabricated Metals									
Machinery & Trans. Equip.									
NONDURABLE GOODS									
Food & Kindred Products									
Textile Mill Products									
Apparel									
Printing & Publishing									
Chemicals & Allied Products									
Rubber & Plastic Products									

Covers an average 26,000 production workers 1/ Preliminary

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE - 1

AREA AND OFFICE	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)			AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP
STATE TOTALS [1]	15,428	23,970	10,453	1,540,169	3,355,089	1,095,133	103	144	111
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	9,086	18,581	6,232	904,060	2,786,539	646,892	103	154	112
Wilmington L.O.	5,288	15,063	3,953	527,828	2,434,369	410,382	103	164	109
Newark L.O.	3,798	3,518	2,279	376,232	352,170	236,510	103	104	117
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	2,888	2,355	1,713	250,076	218,857	164,039	88	95	99
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	1,675	1,470	1,165	176,002	156,446	118,475	104	106	104

AREA AND OFFICE	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM					
				WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)		
	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP
STATE TOTALS [1]	1,254	4,568	778	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	728	4,217	482	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilmington L.O.	397	3,930	337	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newark L.O.	331	287	145	0	0	0	0	0	0
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	247	158	110	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	154	89	89	0	0	0	0	0	0

[1] INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* INDICATES STATE INDICATOR OF AN EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD IS "OFF"
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

TABLE-5

	1985			1984		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP
TOTAL COUNT	3,200	6,800	2,600	7,100	4,500	3,400
Number of Auto Industry	0	3,600	0	3,100	400	0
Total Less Auto Industry	3,200	3,200	2,600	4,100	4,100	3,400
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP
TOTAL COUNT	15,900	25,000	11,600	29,000	31,700	13,900
Number of Auto Industry	0	10,600	100	11,200	19,100	0
Total Less Auto Industry	15,900	14,400	11,500	17,700	12,600	13,900

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1985			1984		
	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP
All Items	315.5	315.8	316.5	301.4	302.9	303.9
Food & Beverages	307.6	305.7	317.8	300.7	301.8	297.8
Housing	329.7	329.9	327.9	311.9	312.8	315.3
Apparel & Upkeep	180.7	185.7	184.3	179.0	185.2	187.7
Transportation	336.7	337.0	338.2	321.1	323.1	324.0
Medical	446.3	448.2	452.6	401.9	405.3	407.8
Entertainment	243.0	242.9	243.6	242.0	241.7	240.4
Other Goods & Services	341.7	342.1	353.6	320.5	320.5	329.3
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.3
Yearly	4.7	4.3	4.1	4.5	4.5	4.3
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index	322.8	323.5	324.5	311.7	313.0	314.5
Mo. Change (%)	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
Yr. Change (%)	3.6	3.4	3.2	4.1	4.2	4.2

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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-HIGHLIGHTS-

- Delaware's unemployment rates for the fourth quarter were the lowest ever recorded in the state on the seasonally adjusted basis.
- Manufacturing production workers in Delaware earn an average of $424.13 per week.
- The proposed 14-story Pickett Suite Hotel is planned for downtown Wilmington.
- A month long strike ended at Forbes Steel & Wire Co.
- The LaSalle Parters Inc. will construct a 22-story office building on Market St. in Wilmington.
- Texas American Bancshores Inc. is planning to move its credit card operation to Delaware.
- Five stores were scheduled to open in the Greentree Village Shopping Center in West Dover.
- A $2-million, 50-unit Colony Inn motel will be constructed in Seaford.
- The Dupont Co.'s Seaford plant has returned to full production.
- Sun Refining and Marketing Co. will build a $14 million ether plant at its Marcus Hook, PA. refinery.
- U.S. domestic car production in 1985 was Detroit's 12th best year and the third straight year of growth.
- Philadelphia area prices rose 4.8 percent during 1985.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		OCT	NOV	DEC 1/	OCT	NOV	DEC 1/	OCT	NOV	DEC 1/	OCT	NOV	DEC 1/
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1985	316.4	319.0	319.0	301.0	304.7	304.8	15.4	14.3	14.3	4.9	4.5	4.5
	1984	310.9	313.6	311.9	293.4	297.0	293.9	17.5	16.6	18.0	5.6	5.3	5.8
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1985	317.6	319.2	317.7	304.0	305.3	304.0	13.6	13.9	13.8	4.3	4.3	4.3
	1984	312.0	312.5	310.4	296.6	296.1	293.6	15.4	16.4	16.7	4.9	5.2	5.4
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1985	278.6	280.1	279.5	266.4	268.0	267.4	12.2	12.1	12.2	4.4	4.3	4.3
	1984	274.0	275.1	274.3	260.0	260.6	259.6	14.0	14.5	14.7	5.1	5.3	5.4
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ. 2/	1985	116,346.0	116,097.0	116,299.0	108,428.0	108,282.0	108,206.0	7917.0	7815.0	8023.0	6.8	6.7	6.9
	1984	114,250.0	114,115.0	114,504.0	106,262.0	106,246.0	106,248.0	7989.0	7869.0	8256.0	7.0	6.9	7.2
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ. 2/	1985	3,862.0	3,912.0	3,886.0	3,616.0	3,673.0	3,661.0	246.0	239.0	225.0	6.4	6.1	5.8
	1984	3,816.0	3,783.0	3,794.0	3,591.0	3,562.0	3,575.0	225.0	221.0	219.0	5.9	5.8	5.8
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ. 2/	1985	8,595	8,588.0	8,521.0	8,014.0	8,040.0	7,981.0	581.0	548.0	540.0	6.8	6.4	6.3
	1984	8,188.0	8,230.0	8,275.0	7,591.0	7,647.0	7,698.0	597.0	583.0	577.0	7.3	7.1	7.0
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ. 2/	1985	5,568.0	5,436.0	5,584.0	5,138.0	5,000.0	5,155.0	430.0	436.0	429.0	7.7	8.0	7.7
	1984	5,497.0	5,509.0	5,533.0	5,011.0	5,037.0	5,110.0	486.0	472.0	423.0	8.8	8.6	7.6
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1985	2,289.7	2,298.1	2,286.3	2,187.9	2,194.7	2,184.2	101.9	103.4	102.1	4.4	4.5	4.5
	1984	2,266.5	2,282.7	2,294.2	2,153.6	2,167.2	2,181.8	112.9	115.6	112.4	5.0	5.1	4.9

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LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE-1)

Delaware's seasonally adjusted fourth-quarter unemployment rates were well below year-ago figures. The rate was 4.9 percent for October; and remained unchanged at 4.5 percent for November and December. These figures represent the lowest unemployment rates since the seasonal adjustment process began in 1978. The non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rates, all at 4.3 percent, showed no movement over the quarter. The civilian labor force was 316,400 in October, 319,000 in November and 319,100 in December.

Nationally, the unemployment rate remained relatively unchanged over the quarter, at 6.8 percent in October, 6.7 percent in November and 6.9 percent in December.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE-2)

Total state nonagricultural wage and salary employment, rising throughout the quarter, reached a new high of 296,800 in December. Seasonal gains in trade and state and local government and continued growth in finance, insurance and real estate were primarily responsible for the quarterly increase. As in the three previous quarters, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was significantly higher each month over the year-ago quarter primarily as a result of growth in construction, trade, finance, insurance and real estate, services and government. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Wilmington PMSA also rose throughout the quarter reaching a high of 257,700 in December and registered over-the-year gains each month of the quarter.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE-3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware, rose throughout the quarter to $424.13 in December. Machinery and transportation equipment accounted for the rise with longer scheduled workweeks and a wage rate increase in the auto industry. PMSA average weekly earnings, after rising in October and November, declined slightly to $495.26 in December.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry, which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.

DELAWARE STATEWIDE - The Dupont Company will eliminate as many as 2,000 management and professional jobs, about a third of them in Delaware, over the next two years. Incentives will be offered to encourage early retirements in departments the company believes overstaffed. The plan includes offering one week's salary for each year of service and paid life and medical insurance for one year. The Program is the second major employee reduction program in a year. Last spring 11,200 of Dupont's U.S. employees retired early under an incentive plan designed to cut costs.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - Gaylords Discount Department Stores were sold to Zayre Corp. of Framingham, Mass. Zayre, with 323 stores in 25 states has renovated the four Delaware facilities which employ about 450 persons..... A Wilmington partnership is planning to build a third downtown hotel. The proposed 14-story building, the Pickett Suite Hotel, is planned at the intersection of Delaware Avenue and Washington St. The new hotel will have 220 rooms compared to the 266-room Hotel Dupont and the Radisson Hotel which has 219-rooms..... The Dupont Company opened a $10 million Chronic Studies Laboratory in Newark at the Haskell Complex. The new lab will test the effects of experimental and toxic substances on rats and mice..... The Newark Planning Commission has recommended that the city annex a 56-acre parcel of land on Sandy Brae Road and approve an industrial park on the site..... A month-old strike at Forbes Steel & Wire Co. ended following union acceptance of a new 38-month contract..... Wilmington will build a $5 million police station on the block bounded by Fourth, Poplar, Walnut and Third Streets. The location is two blocks from the Amtrak Station..... The Wilmington Board of Adjustment approved plans for a proposed 22-story office building. The LaSalle Partners Inc. will construct the office tower on a lot bounded by 12th, 13th, Market and Bassett Streets. Construction is expected to start in the spring and take about 18 months..... A fifth Texas bank has filled an application with the state bank commissioner to open a credit-card bank in Delaware. Texas American Bancshares Inc, wants to move its $30 million portfolio to Delaware in the spring of 1986. The new bank would be based at 507 White Clay Center Drive in Newark..... Ground was broken for the first building in a $20 million office and research complex at New Castle Corporate Commons off Basin Road. The eight-building project will total 240,200 square feet and take over four years to be developed..... The Wilmington Parking Authority and a private development company, Delle Donne Associates, announced they are going to build a 600-space nine-level parking garage. The $6.8 million structure will be on the block bounded by Jefferson, Madison, 10th and 11th Street..... Conrail will build a new car distribution center on 45 acres next to Chrysler's Newark assembly plant. The $4 million project includes construction of a parking area for 4,000 vehicles, six new loading track and new lighting, fencing and security systems..... Wilmington Savings Fund Society has leased the former Phoenix Steel Corp. administrative building at 3001 Philadelphia Pike in Claymont anticipating growth for its consumer credit and customer-service operations. The Excelsior Centre at 824 Market St. Mall in Wilmington, a 10-story office building, was renamed Marine Midland Plaza in honor of its lead tenant. Marine Midland Bank has leased 75,000 square feet on four floors of the building.

KENT COUNTY - A 30-unit apartment building is planned for North Street near Glenwood Avenue in Smyrna, according to George Chabbott of Emerson & Co. Realtors. The three-story building will contain a mixture of studio, one-and two-bedroom units which will rent for $320 to $365 plus utilities..... Cancer Care Corp., based in Atlanta, Ga., plans to open a 4,600-square-foot medical center in Dover, offering radiation therapy to patients who must now travel to Wilmington or Salisbury for daily treatment. The facility will be constructed on New Burton Road near Water St..... Five stores were scheduled to open in the Greentree Village Shopping Center on Del 8 in West Dover. The center's anchors, an A&P supermarket and a Drug Fair store, will be initially joined by Video Heaven, Pizza Delight by Giacomo Restaurant, and Something Unique Hair Salon. The shopping center has space for 16 more tenants..... The staff of the Courtland Manor Nursing Home plans to move its operation to a new site on South Little Creek Road in Dover. The facility, constructed by Richard Y. Johnson and Son Inc. of Lincoln, will be completed by July, 1986..... A 34-unit townhouse

development received rezoning approval from Harrington City Council. The Peck Avenue property was rezoned from industrial to residential use, allowing Olney, Md. developer John P. Saymour to begin construction of the one and two bedroom units.

SUSSEX COUNTY - About $4.4 million in industrial revenue bonds were approved to finance a new terminal building for the Sussex County Airport, a motel expansion in Rehoboth Beach and a bowling alley in Seaford. The awards went to: the Sirocco Motel on Baltimore Avenue and the Boardwalk to add 14 rooms plus 1,500 square feet of office space; to Delmarva Aircraft Inc., for the construction of a new terminal building, additional parking and specialized equipment; to M&M Associates for a 24-lane bowling alley to be built in Seaford behind a shopping center that is being constructed along U.S. 13A in the northern part of the city..... The Delmarva Hardware and Building Supplies stores in Rehoboth Beach and Bethany Beach closed putting about 25 people out of work. The Delmarva Hardware Store in Selbyville will stay open..... The Sussex County Council will issue industrial revenue bonds of $790,000 to develop medical offices in Seaford and $575,000 to build three stores in Bethany Beach..... A $2-million, 50-unit Colony Inn Motel, with a restaurant and cocktail lounge, is planned for U.S. 13 and Thorp Road in Seaford. The motel, restaurant and cocktail lounge would employ 50 to 60 persons. Construction is expected to begin in Spring of 1986..... The Dupont Co.'s Seaford Plant has returned to full production by cutting the price of its textile nylon. For part of the year, about 75 employees had been reduced to working every other week..... A new car dealership, Millsboro Ford, is being built at U.S. 113 south of Ames Plaza. The 14,200-square foot building will include a showroom, administrative offices, parts and service departments for the full-line dealership.

SURROUNDING AREAS - Cecil Council commissioners are supporting plans for a new, 48-unit apartment complex in the Cherry Hill area. The project will be constructed north of Elkton on Md. 213 and contain twelve buildings..... Sun Refining and Marketing Co. will build a $14 million ether plant at its Marcus Hook refinery. The ether is an antiknock compound that contains no lead or alcohol. Construction of the plant will begin in early 1985 and last one year..... Peninsula Press, a Salisbury Commercial printing business, has closed. The 20-year-old company, a division of South Shores Publishers, employed approximately 100 full-time and 20-part time workers..... Cecil County Commissioners approved plans for a proposed motel-commercial complex at the interstate 95 and Maryland 279 interchange. Plans include a motel, a fast food restaurant, mini-warehouses, retail shops and a small business park.

AUTO INDUSTRY - U.S. domestic car production in 1985 ended at 8,187,000, Detroit's 12th best year. The figures for 1985 indicate the best car production performance since 1979 and the third straight year of growth since the dismal trough of 5,073,496 recorded in 1982.....

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the fourth quarter of 1985 were with a benefit amount of $3,760,924 paid out.

The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment during the fourth quarter was $108, reflecting a continuing decline over the year.

Continued claim counts, at 40,300, also declined over the quarter.

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

The following list, by broad occupational category, indicates the number of job applicants available through the Division of Employment and Training as of December 1985.

Occupational Group	Active Applicants	Percent of Total
Total Applicants	8,020	100.0
Professional, Tech. & Managerial	896	11.2
Clerical	1,418	17.7
Sales	316	3.9
Services	1,931	24.1
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	201	2.5
Processing	414	5.2
Machine Trades	442	5.5
Benchwork	223	2.8
Structural Trades	1,212	15.1
Transportation	473	5.9
Packaging, Material Handling	456	5.7
Miscellaneous and not assigned	38	0.5

Employers with job openings are urged to utilize this labor source and contact the Division of Employment and Training at the 24-hour hotline number 1-800-231-5627.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE-6)

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers rose 0.3 percent in October, 0.4 in November and 0.3 percent in December. The December increase was attributed to higher food and housing prices. For the year of 1985, area prices rose 4.8 percent. This was the fourth consecutive year that the annual increase was less than 5 percent. Nationally, the index rose 0.2 percent in December for an over-the-year gain of 3.8 percent.

PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Secretary of Labor Mathias J. Fallis has announced the release of copies of the Department's Delaware Labor Supply and Demand report. The report includes occupational and industrial employment projections (1984-1990) and the estimated annual relationship between labor supply and demand. It is intended as a guide for decision-makers in education, economic development and employment and training.

Major findings of the report include:

* Delaware is expected to create more than 42,000 net new jobs over the period 1984-1990.

* About 93% of these new jobs will occur in three industries: Services; Trade; and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate.

* The occupational groups providing the most new jobs are: Clerical; Service; and Professional, Technical, and Kindred Workers.

* Analysis of labor supply and demand involves 125 clusters, or supply-demand occupational groupings, representing the relationship between skills available and those required.

* A total of about 15,700 average annual openings are anticipated, compared with more than 17,600 average annual program completers.

* While implications about the relationship between labor supply and demand should be drawn from each individual cluster, the overall picture is of a labor market not substantially out of balance.

* With the Statewide average as a base, the following relationships emerge:
  - 58 clusters (46% of total) show supply greater than demand;
  - 33 clusters (26% of total) show demand greater than supply;

    and
  - 34 clusters (27% of total) show a balance between supply and demand.

* As an index of numerical oversupply only (since new training initiatives are sometimes inappropriate due to on-the-job training), the five most oversupplied clusters are, in descending order:
  Real Estate
  Social Scientists
  Computer Operations
  Electrical Services
  Automobile and Engine Mechanics

* As an index of numerical undersupply, the five most undersupplied clusters are, in descending order:
  Food Services
  Wholesale and Retail Marketing
  General Clerical and Typing
  Custodial and Maintenance
  Education

Information on the report and requests for copies should be directed to the office of Occupational and Labor Market Information at (302) 368-6964.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	DELAWARE						WILMINGTON SMSA					
	1985			1984			1985			1984		
	OCT	NOV	DEC 1/	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC 1/	OCT	NOV	DEC
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	295.2	296.7	296.8	288.0	288.9	288.3	256.7	257.2	257.7	252.4	253.6	253.3
Manufacturing	70.3	70.3	70.0	72.8	72.8	72.2	61.4	61.3	61.1	64.6	64.5	63.9
Durable Goods	20.8	20.7	20.7	20.4	20.6	20.7	20.7	20.6	20.5	20.6	20.7	20.7
Primary Metals	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.0
Fabricated Metals	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Mach. & Trans. Equipment	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.6	13.7	13.8	14.4	14.3	14.3	14.2	14.3	14.3
Other Durable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.0
Nondurable Goods	49.5	49.6	49.3	52.4	52.2	51.5	40.7	40.7	40.6	44.0	43.8	43.2
Food & Kindred Products	9.3	9.5	9.2	9.1	9.0	8.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Textile Mill Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Apparel	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0
Printing & Publishing	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	29.3	29.2	29.2	32.3	32.3	31.7	31.3	31.2	31.2	34.2	34.1	33.5
Rubber & Plastics	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.7
Other Nondurable Goods	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8
Nonmanufacturing	224.9	226.4	226.9	215.3	216.1	216.1	195.3	196.0	196.6	187.8	189.1	189.4
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Construction	19.0	18.6	18.2	17.8	17.4	16.9	18.9	18.4	18.3	19.0	18.6	18.2
Trans. & Public Utilities	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.5	12.4	12.4	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.3	12.3	12.2
Trade	66.2	67.4	68.7	64.1	65.0	65.6	53.8	55.1	56.2	52.0	53.1	54.0
Wholesale	11.3	11.4	11.5	11.1	11.2	11.2	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.4	9.5
Retail	54.9	55.9	57.2	53.0	53.8	54.3	44.4	45.6	46.7	42.7	43.7	44.5
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	19.4	19.5	19.7	18.0	18.1	18.1	17.9	18.0	18.2	16.3	16.4	16.3
Services	62.4	62.3	61.7	59.6	59.4	59.3	55.6	55.0	54.6	52.9	53.2	53.1
Government	45.6	46.1	45.9	43.2	43.7	43.8	36.8	37.3	37.0	35.1	35.3	35.5
Federal	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
State & Local	40.3	40.7	40.6	37.9	38.3	38.4	32.4	32.8	32.7	30.7	30.9	31.0
State	21.7	21.9	21.6	20.9	20.8	20.6	14.2	14.3	14.1	13.4	13.5	13.4
Local	18.5	18.8	18.9	17.0	17.5	17.7	18.3	18.5	18.6	17.3	17.4	17.6
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1

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AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE

TABLE-3

1985

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
MANUFACTURING	$404.35	$422.66	$424.13	41.6	41.6	41.5	$ 9.72	$10.16	$10.22
DURABLE GOODS	432.82	494.89	501.27	42.8	42.7	43.4	10.58	11.59	11.55
Primary Metals	428.35	415.07	449.34	44.9	41.3	44.8	9.54	10.05	10.03
Fabricated Metals	294.14	321.96	348.07	35.1	37.7	40.1	8.38	8.54	8.68
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	512.16	570.72	570.72	43.7	43.6	43.5	11.72	13.09	13.12
NONDURABLE GOODS	364.59	365.49	362.40	40.6	40.7	40.0	8.98	8.98	9.06
Food & Kindred Products	261.53	246.02	245.30	40.8	39.3	39.5	6.41	6.26	6.21
Textile Mill Products	327.27	356.17	373.47	45.9	49.4	52.9	7.13	7.21	7.06
Apparel	208.31	208.15	216.92	37.0	36.2	37.4	5.63	5.75	5.80
Printing & Publishing	315.76	334.06	326.97	35.8	37.2	34.6	8.82	8.98	9.45
Chemicals & Allied Products	526.19	548.68	546.56	41.4	42.5	42.7	12.71	12.91	12.80
Rubber & Plastic Products	428.33	425.34	435.11	42.2	41.7	42.7	10.15	10.20	10.19
1984									
MANUFACTURING	$393.76	$411.94	$423.02	41.8	42.6	43.7	$ 9.42	$ 9.67	$ 9.68
DURABLE GOODS	446.95	488.84	501.70	43.1	45.9	46.8	10.37	10.65	10.72
Primary Metals	351.14	372.75	395.66	40.5	42.6	43.1	8.67	8.75	9.18
Fabricated Metals	324.80	346.52	362.50	40.0	41.8	42.2	8.12	8.29	8.59
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	507.15	564.06	575.84	44.1	47.6	48.8	11.50	11.85	11.80
NONDURABLE GOODS	352.06	352.48	360.09	40.7	40.1	41.2	8.65	8.79	8.74
Food & Kindred Products	236.99	299.58	248.75	40.1	38.2	39.8	5.91	6.01	6.25
Textile Mill Products	316.45	362.27	358.18	46.4	49.9	48.6	6.82	7.26	7.37
Apparel	192.99	184.88	189.50	36.9	37.2	37.6	5.23	4.97	5.04
Printing & Publishing	307.48	331.45	327.49	35.1	37.2	37.3	8.76	8.91	8.78
Chemicals & Allied Products	501.74	508.71	499.66	41.5	41.8	41.5	12.09	12.17	12.04
Rubber & Plastic Products	411.78	438.67	446.50	43.9	44.9	47.0	9.38	9.77	9.50

Covers an average 36,000 production workers

WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

1985

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
MANUFACTURING	$464.39	$495.97	$495.26	41.5	41.4	41.9	$11.19	$11.98	$ 11.82
DURABLE GOODS	462.51	503.40	506.04	42.2	41.5	42.1	10.96	12.13	12.02
Primary Metals	429.24	415.89	450.24	44.9	41.3	44.8	9.56	10.07	10.05
Fabricated Metals	281.55	298.32	331.23	36.9	38.1	41.3	7.63	7.83	8.02
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	498.50	552.08	552.90	42.9	42.5	42.4	11.62	12.99	13.04
NONDURABLE GOODS	468.12	485.28	478.08	40.6	41.3	41.5	11.53	11.75	11.52
Food & Kindred Products	189.63	183.08	187.85	31.5	29.2	32.5	6.02	6.27	5.78
Textile Mill Products	332.01	361.50	377.71	46.5	50.0	53.5	7.14	7.23	7.06
Apparel	248.15	266.82	269.04	35.5	37.9	38.0	6.99	7.04	7.08
Printing & Publishing	368.51	390.97	385.53	35.4	37.2	33.7	10.41	10.51	11.44
Chemicals & Allied Products	614.86	648.15	622.69	43.3	44.7	44.1	14.20	14.50	14.12
Rubber & Plastic Products	409.41	409.44	420.34	40.9	40.7	41.7	10.01	10.06	10.08
1984									
MANUFACTURING	$462.44	$503.94	$516.33	42.7	45.4	46.6	$10.83	$11.10	$ 11.08
DURABLE GOODS	461.39	505.60	520.29	43.0	46.3	47.0	10.73	10.92	11.07
Primary Metals	352.81	374.48	397.44	40.6	42.7	43.2	8.69	8.77	9.20
Fabricated Metals	295.68	320.26	331.64	38.5	41.7	41.3	7.68	7.68	8.03
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	497.69	555.71	577.71	44.2	47.7	49.0	11.26	11.65	11.79
NONDURABLE GOODS	464.20	503.69	509.68	42.2	44.3	46.0	11.00	11.37	11.08
Food & Kindred Products	224.85	211.24	240.66	37.6	32.7	33.8	5.98	6.46	7.12
Textile Mill Products	315.57	362.30	358.90	47.1	50.6	49.3	6.70	7.16	7.28
Apparel	231.77	222.16	223.74	38.5	37.4	36.8	6.02	5.94	6.08
Printing & Publishing	357.78	395.14	381.65	35.6	38.4	37.9	10.05	10.29	10.07
Chemicals & Allied Products	614.63	692.58	695.80	44.7	48.5	49.7	13.75	14.28	14.00
Rubber & Plastic Products	357.28	393.02	409.33	41.4	43.0	46.2	8.63	9.14	8.86

Covers an average 27,200 production workers

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

AREA AND OFFICE	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)			AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
STATE TOTALS 1/	11,599	11,137	14,424	1,208,410	1,114,148	1,438,366	111	106	106
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	6,305	5,751	6,758	682,207	610,996	729,722	114	112	113
Wilmington L.O.	4,146	3,834	4,430	430,568	393,276	460,194	109	108	109
Newark L.O.	2,159	1,917	2,328	251,639	217,720	269,528	124	120	122
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	1,865	1,776	2,694	179,236	164,044	239,768	100	97	96
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	1,825	2,204	2,907	153,444	176,753	234,386	93	88	88

AREA AND OFFICE	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM					
				WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)		
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
STATE TOTALS 1/	1,013	1,009	1,271	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	522	448	595	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilmington L.O.	330	298	372	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newark L.O.	192	150	223	0	0	0	0	0	0
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	177	189	262	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	181	262	266	0	0	0	0	0	0

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* INDICATES STATE INDICATOR OF AN EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD IS "OFF"
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

TABLE-5

	1985			1984		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
TOTAL COUNT	2,500	3,100	3,300	3,100	3,500	4,100
Number of Auto Industry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Less Auto Industry	2,500	3,100	3,300	3,100	3,500	4,100
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
TOTAL COUNT	11,900	11,800	16,600	14,700	17,900	17,500
Number of Auto Industry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Less Auto Industry	11,900	11,800	16,600	14,700	17,900	17,500

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1985			1984		
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
All Items	317.4	318.8	319.7	303.7	306.0	305.1
Food & Beverages	308.1	306.8	308.9	297.6	296.9	296.7
Housing	327.7	330.7	333.4	315.3	319.6	316.5
Apparel & Upkeep	184.1	186.8	181.8	188.5	186.4	185.1
Transportation	341.3	341.8	342.2	322.7	324.8	325.6
Medical	455.3	458.7	457.1	409.0	424.3	426.3
Entertainment	248.0	251.0	248.3	239.8	240.2	242.3
Other Goods & Services	353.4	353.0	352.6	329.5	329.8	330.0
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly	0.3	0.4	0.3	-0.1	0.8	-0.3
Yearly	4.5	4.2	4.8	4.3	4.9	4.6
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index	325.5	326.6	327.4	315.3	315.3	315.5
Mo. Change (%)	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1
Yr. Change (%)	3.2	3.6	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.0

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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-HIGHLIGHTS-

- Delaware's unemployment rates during the first quarter were well below national figures.

- Manufacturing production workers in Delaware earn an average of $421.93 per week.

- The Colonial School Board will reopen the Martin Luther King Elementary School in Wilmington, The Board expects an increase of third through fifth graders by 1990.

- A $2 million office park, Harmony Professional Center, is being built by Concord Construction Company.

- Pettinaro Development Co. has completed a $3 million renovation of the former Krebs Junior High School in Newport as an office park.

- A $24 million office park is being built near Carr and Marsh Roads. Three 70,000 sq. ft. buildings are planned.

- First Atlanta Corp. will become the 17th out-of-state bank to open in Delaware under the Financial Center Development Act. The firm will be located in the New Castle Corporate Commons.

- Aetna Shirt Company in Harrington is closing its plant.

- Construction is set on a $3.2 million 96 unit apartment complex in West Dover.

- Bald Eagle Associates began construction on Eagles Landing, a 283 unit resort community Southwest of Rehoboth.

- Penn Ship of Chester, PA has been awarded a $97 million Navy contract to build a fuel ship.

- Philadelphia area consumer prices declined in both February and March.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		JAN.	FEB.	MAR.1/	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.1/	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.1/	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.1/
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1986	322.1	322.3	324.4	307.7	305.6	307.8	14.5	16.7	16.7	4.5	5.2	5.1
	1985	314.9	315.0	313.1	296.0	295.7	294.9	18.9	19.3	18.1	6.0	6.1	5.8
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1986	312.1	312.6	318.1	295.7	293.4	300.7	16.4	19.3	17.4	5.3	6.2	5.5
	1985	305.9	306.0	307.1	284.5	283.9	288.2	21.4	22.2	19.0	7.0	7.2	6.2
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1986	276.1	276.4	279.7	261.1	258.0	263.0	15.0	18.3	16.7	5.4	6.6	6.0
	1985	273.4	274.3	275.0	255.1	254.6	257.9	18.4	19.7	17.1	6.7	7.2	6.2
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ.2/	1986	116,786.0	117,088.0	117,207.0	108,955.0	108,561.0	108,788.0	7,831.0	8,527.0	8,419.0	6.7	7.3	7.2
	1985	114,754.0	114,982.0	115,335.0	106,315.0	106,587.0	106,951.0	8,439.0	8,395.0	8,384.0	7.4	7.3	7.3
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ. 2/	1986	3,888.0	3,914.0	3,842.0	3,649.0	3,683.0	3,682.0	239.0	231.0	160.0	6.1	5.9	4.2
	1985	3,815.0	3,849.0	3,847.0	3,586.0	3,613.0	3,622.0	229.0	236.0	225.0	6.0	6.1	5.8
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.2/	1986	8,449.0	8,376.0	8,329.0	7,919.0	7,804.0	7,767.0	530.0	572.0	562.0	6.3	6.8	6.7
	1985	8,197.0	8,146.0	8,140.0	7,657.0	7,610.0	7,595.0	540.0	536.0	545.0	6.6	6.6	6.7
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ.2/	1986	5,583.0	5,619.0	5,746.0	5,162.0	5,219.0	5,309.0	421.0	400.0	437.0	7.5	7.1	7.6
	1985	5,501.0	5,482.0	5,520.0	5,060.0	5,034.0	5,076.0	441.0	448.0	444.0	8.0	8.2	8.0
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1986	2,220.1	2,225.3	2,248.4	2,110.7	2,112.8	2,146.9	109.4	112.4	101.5	4.9	5.1	4.5
	1985	2,207.8	2,198.1	2,220.0	2,085.5	2,077.8	2,112.1	122.2	120.3	107.9	5.5	5.5	4.9

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Labor Force Developments (Table-1)

Delaware's seasonally adjusted first-quarter unemployment rates were lower than year-ago figures. The rate was 4.5 percent for January, 5.2 percent in February and 5.1 percent in March. The nonseasonally adjusted rates were also below 1985 figures with the January rate at 5.3 percent, February at 6.2 percent and 5.5 percent for March. The number of persons in Delaware's labor force averaged 322,900 persons during the first quarter, representing a rise of 2.7 percent over the same period last year.

Nationally, the unemployment rates for the quarter averaged slightly lower than year ago figures, at 6.7 percent in January, 7.3 percent in February and 7.2 percent in March.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Tables-2 & 2A)

Total State nonagricultural wage and salary employment, after declining in January and February, rose to 292,000 in March. The January decrease was due to seasonal declines in food & kindred products, contract construction, transportation, communication and public utilities, retail trade, services and government. Transportation equipment was primarily responsible for the February decline, with a shutdown for retooling in connection with model changeover in the auto industry. Seasonal gains in contract construction, retail trade, services and state government were largely responsible for the March increase. As a result of continued strong growth in the nonmanufacturing sector, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was significantly higher each month over the year-ago quarter. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Wilmington PMSA, following the same quarterly movement as the State, ended the quarter at 253,900 with over-the-year gains registered each month of the quarter.

Hours and Earnings (Table-3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware, after reaching a new high of $423.33 in January, declined in February and rose in March to end the quarter at $421.93. Overtime worked at premium pay in the food & kindred products sector was responsible for the January increase while the transportation equipment sector accounted for the February decline with a layoff for retailing in the auto industry. The March increase resulted from overtime worked in the nondurable goods sector. PMSA average weekly earnings rose to $496.60 in March after

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry, which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.

DELAWARE STATEWIDE - Delmarva Power and Light Company announced February 11, that it would not seek increases in base rates before January 1987. In related news, Delmarva began marking down natural gas prices for many of its industrial customers in February after the Public Service Commission agreed to let the company try to compete with plunging oil prices. The new floor price for gas will be $3.10 per thousand cubic feet as compared with the ordinary contract price of $3.72. Eleven of Delmarva's 26 industrial natural gas customers who can switch to oil have already done so.

Insurance Commissioner, David Levinson, announced a program which will create an **Economic Development Fund** to be used for capital improvement investments in Delaware. The fund will be administered by a clearinghouse committee to process applications and will generate monies from the 200 insurance companies chartered to do business in Delaware. Levinson reported seven companies have already committed more than $25 million..... DuPont Company announced a cutback in Research and Development spending in 1986. This is the company's first budget cut in research after five years of steady growth. DuPont plans to spend $1.2 billion for research and development in 1986, down $45 million.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY-Abex Corporation's Amsco Division Foundry in New Castle announced its closing; 200 workers will be laid off begining in March..... Stuff Yer Face Restaurant in Newark was closed after opening in November of 1984. Lack of liquor license and out-of-way location were cited as reasons for poor sales necessitating the close..... A 40,000 square foot office building, The **Limestone Professional Building**, is under construction at 2055 Limestone Road just off Kirkwood Highway. The Project includes the renovation of the existing 18,000 sq.ft. Blue Hen Professional Building..... A $2 million office park at 928 Harmony Road, **Harmony Professional Center**, is being built by Concord Construction Co. Four buildings, with 5,300 square feet of space each will be sold in minimum blocks of 2,600 square feet for $230,000 according to Richard E Berl of Century I Goldsborough.

The Colonial School Board decided to reopen the **Martin Luther King Elementary School** in Northeast Wilmington in the fall of 1987. The Board expects an increase of 400 third through fifth graders by 1990. New Castle County Council approved a 158 acre-702 unit site for a **mobile home park near Glasgow** on U.S. Route 40 and Porter Road..... Bonnie Sherr of City Systems Inc. announced her company's plans to buy **Jake's Supermarket** at 233 King Street in Wilmington and convert it to an office building. The 25,000 square feet of space in two historic buildings will be sold in

minimal parcels of 2,500 square feet at $125 per square foot. City Systems is also developing the Christina Hotel at 705-709 King Street.Officials at **Dept. of Services for Children, Youth and There Families** announced plans to build an administrative center on part of the 195-acre Ferris School for Boys. Secretary **Charles** Hayward indicated the move of the administrative center could save his Department $305,000 a year in rent. Patterson Schartz has been retained by the State to appraise the Ferris location.

Pettinaro Development Co. has completed the $3 million renovation of the **former Krebbs Junior High** School in Newport as an office park. Eight tenants are expected to move in in early March. Fifty thousand square feet of the 112,000 square foot building remains to be leased and is available at $10 per square foot..... Demolition began in February of all but four buildings in the **former Wilmington General Hospital** complex on Broom Street. Twelve buildings, housing 400 appartments, are planned for the site.

Construction is underway on the E.A. Delle Corporate Center, two 90,000 square foot buildings in the $18 million office park at Centre Road and Lancaster Pike..... In March Delaware Technical and Community College officially opened its **West Building** at the Wilmington Campus. The 80,000 square foot building is dedicated to industrial training and cost $9.25 million..... **Wilmington Parking Authority and the News Journal Company** agreed to undertake a $40-50 million project for expansion of the News Journal Company in the form of a 27,500 square foot distribution center and a 1,100 space parking garage. The project will require relocation of several Orange Street small businesses.

A $24 million **office park** is proposed by a Delaware partnership at Carr and Marsh Roads. Three three-story 70,000 square foot buildings are planned on 24 acres and should be completed by January of 1987..... The **Brandywine Hills Apartments** on Lea Blvd. have been sold to Steven L. Wolfgang of Villanova PA. for $2.73 million. Mr. Wolfgang plans to spend $700,000 in rehabilitation and construction of 38 new apartments; including the installation of new laundrys within each of the existing twelve buildings..... **Crown Zellerbach Corp.** was given permission to expand its plastic films plant, south of New Castle by the Coastal Zone Industrial Control Board, over the appeal of New Castle City Council and several private citizens.

C. Francis Kercheval, President of the **Picket Hotel Co.** announced in April plans for his company to build a $25 million suite hotel in Wilmington at Washington St. and Delaware Ave. The company plans to begin construction in the late spring..... **Buck-Kennett Associates** announced plans to build 12 single family homes priced between $262,500 and $267,500 on 7.5 acres at Kennett Pike and Buck Road..... A two story 30,000 square foot **office building** off Kennett Pike across from Greenville Center will be completed in

early Spring, according to P. Gerald White. The $7.3 million office project will lease for $14.50 per square foot.

Wilmington Trust Co and Wilmington Parking Authority signed a letter of intent calling for construction of a garage and office tower on the southern half of the block bounded by 12th, 13th, Market, and King Streets..... **First Atlanta Corp.** will become the 17th out-of-state bank holding company to open a bank under the Financial Center Development Act. The new Delaware office will assume a $970 million credit card business and will be housed in the New Castle Corporate Commons near Greater Wilmington Airport. The bank will hire 100 people by mid-1987 and expects to begin operations this summer.

The City of Wilmington is reviewing two proposals for the development of the **Christina Gateway.** The Linpro Co. and Trammell Crow are both promising to build office towers, a hotel and an entertainment/restaurant, retail center in the area between Market and Walnut, the Christina River and 2nd Street..... **PPG Industries Inc.** will open a facility to make ready to install car-door glass for General Motors. The plant will be located in the Harmony Road Industrial Park and is expected to employ 50 people when opened at the end of this year. **Widner College** plans to move its University College to the vacant Braunsteins Clothing Store in the 700 Block of Market Street Mall. Widner's three other institutions, Brandywine College, Delaware Law School, and the School of Hotel & Restaurant Management, will not be affected by the move.

KENT COUNTY-Greentree Village Center, on Delaware Route 8 east of Kenton, a 72,000 square feet strip shopping center, has five tenants under lease. The 38,500 square feet A & P 'Save A Center' food store moving from U.S. Rte. 13 will be the anchor store. The 19 smaller stores in the center are expected to open this Spring..... **Aetna Shirt Company** in Harrington is closing its plant which currently employs 95 people..... Delaware Highway Division Officials have selected a **U.S. Route 13 relief route** by upgrading the existing road from Tybouts Corner to south of Townsend; and building a new road east of the current highway south through Dover. The road would extend 58 miles through Kent County and would be a six lane limited access highway..... Construction is set for May on a $3.2 million 96-unit **apartment complex in West Dover**, according to W.P. Ingram of Bill Ingram Realty Co. The apartments are expected to rent for $415 a month plus utilities..... Rodney Fletcher of Dover have purchased 130 acres near Garrisons Lake and plans to subdivide the property into 140 lots. The Fletcher's plan to develop upscale housing on the property and use a 1700 foot strip on U.S. Route 13 for commercial development. **Second National Building & Loan Association** of Salisbury has applied to open a branch in the Blue Hen Mall in Dover..... **Chesapeake Utilities** was granted a 7.7% rate hike by the P.S.C. in March. It will affect about 10,000 homes and businesses from Odessa to Delmar. This is

the first rate increase for Chesapeake Utilities customers since 1982.

SUSSEX COUNTY- Bald Eagle Associates began construction on Eagles Landing, a **283 unit resort community southwest of Rehoboth.** The development will consist of 191 condiminium apartments and 92 townhouses, priced from $80,000 to $123,000. Prices do not include land. Land can either be leased for 99 years or bought for $10,000..... **Sussex County** has released a land-use plan for the county prepared by William Requardt and Associates which would, if approved, provide a farm productivity rating for use in making farmland conversion decisions. The draft plan also recommends creation of a coastal preservation zone and a ten-year moratorium on new high-density zoning..... A new food service company recently opened in the Ellendale Area. The company, **Unique Foodservices,** will employ 40 to 80 people by the end of the summer offering a combination catering and contract food service.....

A $9.1 million contract to construct a five-story addition to **Beebee Hospital** has been awarded to John E. Healy & Sons. The new wing will include 54 private rooms, a new emergency department and expanded coronary and intensive care facilities..... **Mountaire of Delmarva Inc.** announced layoffs of 150 employees at their Selbyville poultry plant as it closes its night-shift in March..... **Rehoboth Beach Mall** has opened Peebles Department Store and Thrift Drug Stores in March and April. The 22-acre mall, on Old Landing Road and Delaware Route 1, will house 23 additional shops in the 185,000 square foot mall.

A $9.1 million contract to expand **Sussex County's south coastal sewage treatment plant,** located two miles west of South Bethany, was signed. Plans call for the expansion to be completed by 1988 and double the current capacity to serve 20,000 homes..... Developer, R. Rush Ellis, announced a **423 home development** is planned for a 64-acres bayfront property in Lewes. A May 14 hearing for a required zoning change is critical to the success of this project..... **Johnson Wax** opened their plant in the Seaford Industrial Park. The plant makes coatings and is highly automated, employing only five people.

SURROUNDING AREAS-Rubin & Associates announced plans to renovate the **Bellvue Stratford Hotel** in Philadelphia at a cost of 40 million. The 553-room hotel will be scaled back to 180 units with office and shopping space taking up the middle nine and bottom floors of the 18-story building. Construction is expected to begin in mid-April..... An April open house for **Tamarac Village,** a 148-unit housing development near Salisbury, was planned. This development is the first planned community in which all housing is built by Nanticoke Homes of Greenwood Delaware. The two and three bedroom units will range in price from $59,900 to $79,800..... Construction of the $15 million **Wicomico County Jail** was scheduled to begin in April.

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Chessie System Railroads completed an $11.4 million automobile distribution center at Twin Oaks, PA. just off I-95 midway between Wilmington and Philadelphia..... Construction has begun on the **Dunes Major Hotel** at 28th and the beach in Ocean City, Maryland..... A 20,000 square-foot industrial building is planned for the **Triumph Industrial Park** on Maryland 545 northwest of Elkton. Construction of the $350,000 shell should be completed by mid-summer..... **Penn Ship** of Chester, PA. has been awarded a $97 million Navy Contract to build a fuel ship. The company said this will assure constant employment for its 1,000 person workforce until September of 1990.

AUTO INDUSTRY-In early February nearly 4,000 General Motors Boxwood Road employees were furloughed as a result of anticipated seven-month retooling project..... GM wants to lease part of the vacant Mount Pleasant Junior High School as a training center. GM has already spent $2 milllion at its Boxwood Road plant for a training center for it employees. Negotiations are currently underway for a two-year lease of this facility, which would be used to train employees for work in the remodeled plant and to serve as a job bank for and to train employees laid off for new careers.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the first quarter of 1986 were with a benefit amount of $10,749,767 paid out.

The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment during the first quarter was $126, reflecting an increase over the year.

Continued claim counts, at 93,700, was higher than year-ago figures.

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

The following list, by broad occupational category, indicates the number of job applicants available through the Division of Employment and Training as of March 1986.

Occupational Group	Active Applicants	Percent of Total
Total Applicants	8,429	100.0
Professional, Tech. & Managerial	865	10.3
Clerical	1,420	16.8
Sales	385	4.6
Services	1,843	21.9
Farming, Forestry, & Fishing	216	2.6
Processing	417	4.9
Machine Trades	473	5.6
Benchwork	298	3.5
Structural Trades	1,522	18.1
Transportation	478	5.7
Packaging, Material Handling	473	5.6
Miscellaneous and not assigned	39	0.5

Employers with job openings are urged to utilize this labor source and contact the Division of Employment and Training at the 24-hour hotline number 1-800-231-JOBS.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE-6)

Philadelphia area consumer prices fell 0.3 percent in March following a 0.1 percent decline in February. The latest decrease was the result of continuing reductions in housing and transportation. As measured by the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U), local area prices rose 2.8 percent during the 12-month period ending in March, the smallest over-the-year rise in nearly three years. Nationally, the March index was 326.0 for a monthly decline of 0.5 percent and a yearly gain of only 2.3 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2 DELAWARE

INDUSTRY GROUP	1986 JAN.	1986 FEB.	1986 MAR.	1985 JAN.	1985 FEB.	1985 MAR.
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	291.5	287.6	292.0	280.2	280.7	284.9
Manufacturing	71.4	67.9	67.2	72.8	73.2	73.0
Durable Goods	20.2	16.4	16.0	20.1	20.1	20.1
Primary Metals	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.8
Fabricated Metals	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.8
Machinery	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.8
Transportation Equipment	9.9	6.1	5.8	9.5	9.6	9.5
Other Durable Goods	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2
Nondurable Goods	51.1	51.5	51.3	52.7	53.1	52.8
Food & Kindred	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.3	9.5	9.3
Textile & Apparel	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.5
Paper & Allied Pro.	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
Printing & Publishing	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.3
Chemicals	31.0	31.3	31.3	32.9	32.9	32.9
Rubber & Plastics	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
NonManufacturing	220.2	219.7	224.7	207.4	207.5	212.0
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Contract Construction	16.7	15.8	16.7	14.8	14.3	15.6
General Bldg. Contr.	5.1	4.9	5.2	4.4	4.4	4.6
Heavy Const. Contr.	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.3
Special Trade Contr.	9.5	8.9	9.4	8.3	8.0	8.8
Trans.,Comm., & Public Utilities	11.9	11.8	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.7
Local & Interurban Pass.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Trucking & Warehousing	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.1
Communication	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Electric Gas & San. Service	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Other Transportation	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.6
Wholesale & Retail Trade	64.2	63.0	64.0	60.9	59.9	60.8
Wholesale Trade	11.4	11.4	11.3	11.0	10.9	10.9
Wholesale-Durable	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.0
Wholesale-Nondurable	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.0	5.0	4.9
Retail Trade	52.8	51.7	52.7	49.8	49.0	49.9
Bldg. Mat. & Garden Sup.	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
General Merch. Stores	9.0	8.5	8.5	8.4	7.9	8.0
Food Stores	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.4	7.4	7.5
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.5	5.7
Apparel & Accessory	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.5
Furniture & Home Furn.	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2
Eating & Drinking Places	15.2	15.1	15.7	14.6	14.6	15.1
Miscellaneous Retail	7.7	7.4	7.6	7.1	7.0	7.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	20.7	20.8	21.0	18.1	18.2	18.4
Banking	10.0	10.2	10.2	8.4	8.4	8.5
Finance, Exc. Banks	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.1
Insur., Carriers, Agents,Brokers	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.5
Real Estate	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.4
Services	62.4	62.7	63.8	58.2	59.0	60.2
Personal Service	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8
Business Service	16.2	16.0	16.4	13.8	14.2	14.9
Auto & Misc. Repair	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
Amusement & Recreation	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.1
Health Services	17.2	17.2	17.5	16.8	16.9	16.9
Legal Services	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
Educational Services	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.8
Social Services	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.5	4.6	4.7
Other Services	10.9	11.1	11.3	10.3	10.3	10.5
Government	44.2	45.4	47.1	43.4	44.2	45.2
Federal Government	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5
State & Local Government	38.7	40.0	41.7	37.9	38.7	39.7
State Government	20.6	21.7	23.2	20.1	20.7	21.4
State Ed	7.6	8.7	10.2	7.4	8.0	8.7
State Non-Ed	12.9	13.0	13.0	12.7	12.7	12.7
Local Government	18.2	18.3	18.5	17.8	18.0	18.3
Local Ed	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.3	13.4	13.6
Local Non-Ed	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2A WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA)

INDUSTRY GROUP	1986			1985		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	254.6	250.9	253.9	247.5	247.6	251.3
Manufacturing	61.8	58.2	58.0	63.4	63.6	63.7
Durable Goods	19.8	15.7	15.5	19.8	19.8	19.8
Primary Metals	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0
Fabricated Metals	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3
Machinery	3.9	3.8	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.2
Transportation Equipment	10.2	6.3	6.0	9.8	9.8	9.8
Other Durable Goods	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.6
Nondurable Goods	42.0	42.5	42.5	43.6	43.8	43.9
Food & Kindred	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Textile & Apparel	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3
Printing & Publishing	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.9
Chemicals	32.8	33.2	33.2	34.3	34.4	34.5
Rubber & Plastics	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8
NonManufacturing	192.8	192.7	195.9	184.1	184.0	187.5
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Contract Construction	17.0	16.2	16.1	17.1	16.8	17.6
General Bldg. Contr.	3.3	3.2	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.9
Heavy Const. Contr.	6.6	6.1	5.5	7.8	7.8	7.7
Special Trade Contr.	7.2	6.9	7.2	6.6	6.3	6.9
Trans., Comm., & Public Utilities	13.2	13.1	13.3	12.7	12.6	12.6
Local & Interurban Pass.	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3
Trucking & Warehousing	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.1
Communication	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Electric Gas & San. Serv.	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.3
Other Transportation	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.4
Wholesale & Retail Trade	53.2	52.4	52.9	51.3	50.2	50.8
Wholesale Trade	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.1	9.0	9.0
Wholesale-Durable	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3
Wholesale-Nondurable	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7
Retail Trade	43.9	43.1	43.6	42.2	41.3	41.8
Bldg. Mat. & Garden Sup.	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.3
General Merch. Stores	7.3	6.9	6.8	7.4	6.8	6.9
Food Stores	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.2	6.3	6.3
Auto Dealers & Serv Sta.	5.3	5.2	5.3	4.9	4.9	5.0
Apparel & Accessory	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.0
Furniture & Home Furn.	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.8
Eating & Drinking Places	13.0	13.0	13.3	12.5	12.5	12.8
Miscellaneous Retail	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.0	5.8	5.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	19.2	19.5	19.7	16.9	16.9	17.1
Banking	9.5	9.7	9.8	8.0	8.0	8.1
Finance, Exc. Banks	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.9	1.9	2.0
Insur. Carriers, Agents,Brokers	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.2
Real Estate	3.2	3.1	3.3	2.9	2.8	3.0
Services	55.4	55.5	56.3	51.5	52.2	53.2
Personal Services	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Business Services	14.5	14.2	14.5	12.3	12.7	13.2
Auto & Misc. Repair	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4
Amusement & Recreation	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.6
Health Services	16.1	16.1	16.3	15.1	15.1	15.1
Legal Services	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6
Educational	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.7	3.6
Social Services	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.8
Other Services	9.8	9.9	10.1	9.4	9.3	9.6
Government	34.6	35.9	37.5	34.4	35.1	36.1
Federal Government	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5
State & Local Government	30.2	31.5	33.1	29.9	30.6	31.6
State Government	13.0	13.9	15.4	12.6	13.1	13.9
State Ed	6.3	7.3	8.8	6.1	6.6	7.3
State Non-Ed	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.5
Local Government	17.2	17.5	17.6	17.2	17.5	17.7
Local Ed	12.2	12.5	12.5	12.2	12.5	12.7
Local Non-Ed	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.0
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE*

TABLE - 1

1986

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JAN.	FEB.	MAR. 1/	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR. 1/
MANUFACTURING	$ 423.33	$ 413.88	$ 421.93	41.3	41.1	41.9	$ 10.25	$ 10.07	$ 10.07
DURABLE GOODS	496.72	494.05	490.68	42.6	43.3	43.3	11.66	11.41	11.28
Primary Metals	430.76	467.05	435.12	44.5	48.1	44.4	9.68	9.71	9.80
Fabricated Metals	328.24	329.06	360.36	37.3	36.2	38.7	8.80	9.09	9.36
Machinery	437.89	422.37	436.95	39.7	36.1	38.6	11.03	11.70	11.32
Transportation Equip.	599.76	670.46	664.74	44.1	48.2	48.2	13.60	13.91	13.82
NONDURABLE GOODS	367.64	366.96	382.53	40.4	39.8	41.0	9.10	9.22	9.33
Food & Kindred	274.80	249.56	253.75	41.7	38.1	38.1	6.59	6.55	6.66
Textile & Apparel	254.81	251.27	255.36	41.5	39.2	39.9	6.14	6.41	6.40
Paper & Allied Prod.	276.52	398.24	442.80	31.0	43.1	49.2	8.92	9.24	9.00
Print, & Publishing	323.40	326.53	328.15	34.7	34.7	36.1	9.32	9.41	9.09
Chemicals	544.40	540.09	552.98	42.3	41.9	42.9	12.87	12.89	12.89
Rubber & Plastics	430.68	445.84	469.67	42.1	42.3	44.2	10.23	10.54	10.65

1987

MANUFACTURING	$ 416.75	$ 382.36	$ 407.53	41.8	39.5	42.1	$ 9.97	$ 9.68	$ 9.68
DURABLE GOODS	491.06	424.32	466.64	43.0	39.0	44.1	11.42	10.88	10.51
Primary Metals	393.33	400.19	387.61	41.1	41.6	41.5	9.57	9.62	9.34
Fabricated Metals	344.18	358.78	356.40	39.2	39.6	40.0	8.78	9.06	8.91
Machinery	415.84	437.08	430.92	38.9	39.2	40.5	10.69	11.15	10.64
Transportation Equip.	607.66	470.72	551.99	46.0	37.9	47.3	13.21	12.42	11.67
NONDURABLE GOODS	360.33	352.00	361.89	40.9	40.0	40.3	8.88	8.80	8.98
Food & Kindred	266.02	242.94	248.32	41.5	38.5	38.8	6.41	6.31	6.40
Textile & Apparel	220.78	214.68	220.52	38.0	37.4	37.6	5.81	5.74	5.96
Paper & Allied Prod.	339.70	347.84	365.20	39.5	40.4	41.5	8.60	8.61	8.80
Print, & Publishing	297.23	317.37	312.21	33.7	35.7	35.6	8.82	8.89	8.77
Chemicals	505.10	509.92	520.33	41.3	41.9	42.2	12.23	12.17	12.33
Rubber & Plastics	425.65	419.08	427.71	44.2	44.3	44.6	9.63	9.46	9.59

Covers an average 33,100 production workers

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WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA)**

1986

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JAN.	FEB.	MAR. 1/	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR. 1/
MANUFACTURING	$ 492.19	$491.91	$ 496.60	41.5	41.9	42.7	$11.86	$ 11.74	$ 11.63
DURABLE GOODS	498.19	505.04	501.85	41.9	42.8	43.3	11.89	11.80	11.59
Primary Metals	431.65	468.01	435.56	44.5	48.1	44.4	9.70	9.73	9.81
Fabricated Metals	299.89	300.76	319.77	37.3	36.5	37.4	8.04	8.24	8.55
Machinery	387.13	378.81	391.68	40.2	36.6	38.4	9.63	10.35	10.20
TransportationEquip.	592.96	663.98	659.69	43.6	47.7	47.7	13.60	13.92	13.83
NONDURABLE GOODS	483.03	476.89	491.31	40.9	40.9	42.1	11.81	11.66	11.67
Food & Kindred	182.21	211.46	207.57	27.4	38.1	37.4	6.65	5.55	5.55
Textile & Apparel	281.50	270.84	264.83	40.1	38.2	37.3	7.02	7.09	7.10
Print., & Publishing	382.24	394.49	383.29	35.1	35.7	36.4	10.89	11.05	10.53
Chemicals	625.10	604.45	617.15	43.5	41.6	43.4	14.37	14.53	14.22
Rubber & Plastics	417.36	431.18	456.32	41.2	41.7	43.5	10.13	10.34	10.49

1987

MANUFACTURING	$ 488.57	$ 445.50	$ 421.84	42.3	39.6	42.7	$ 11.55	$ 11.25	$ 11.05
DURABLE GOODS	498.62	429.75	471.11	42.4	38.2	43.5	11.76	11.25	10.83
Primary Metals	394.15	401.02	388.44	41.1	41.6	41.5	9.59	9.64	9.36
Fabricated Metals	304.62	317.75	308.83	37.7	38.1	37.8	8.08	8.34	8.17
Machinery	410.44	429.62	419.15	40.2	40.8	41.5	10.21	10.53	10.10
Transportation Equip.	581.24	452.09	536.82	44.1	36.4	46.0	13.18	12.42	11.67
NONDURABLE GOODS	473.20	467.58	473.10	42.1	41.6	41.5	11.24	11.24	11.40
Food & Kindred	269.45	287.41	266.49	42.3	41.0	42.1	6.37	7.01	6.33
Textile & Apparel	250.61	245.16	237.02	37.8	36.0	34.5	6.63	6.81	6.87
Print., & Publishing	349.81	366.23	360.37	34.6	35.8	35.4	10.11	10.23	10.18
Chemicals	599.87	597.11	612.70	43.5	43.3	43.3	13.79	13.79	14.15
Rubber & Plastics	398.98	384.85	387.34	43.7	43.0	42.8	9.13	8.95	9.05

Covers an average 23,400 production workers

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NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

AREA AND OFFICE	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)			AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
STATE TOTALS 1/	24,700	28,395	38,279	2,518,930	3,481,155	4,749,682	109	128	142
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	11,964	16,694	27,324	1,293,382	2,271,516	3,597,511	114	143	157
Wilmington L.O.	7,435	12,526	23,181	777,163	1,765,897	3,065,060	109	147	161
Newark L.O.	4,529	4,168	4,143	516,219	505,619	532,451	123	128	135
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	4,860	4,645	4,656	449,019	467,213	463,461	99	105	105
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	4,492	3,927	3,252	379,382	353,543	302,649	92	94	99

AREA AND OFFICE	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM					
				WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
STATE TOTALS 1/	2,918	6,000	1,661	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	1,355	4,885	961	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilmington L.O.	793	4,384	646	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newark L.O.	562	501	315	0	0	0	0	0	0
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	689	526	354	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	499	31[illegible]	160	0	0	0	0	0	0

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* INDICATES STATE INDICATOR OF AN EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD IS "OFF"
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

TABLE-5

	1986			1985		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
TOTAL COUNT	5,700	8,100	8,400	6,000	6,600	5,400
Number of Auto Industry	0	2,800	3,000	0	0	0
Total Less Auto Industry	5,700	5,300	5,400	6,000	6,600	5,400
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
TOTAL COUNT	24,200	30,400	29,100	28,400	28,800	23,400
Number of Auto Industry	0	7,400	15,500	0	0	0
Total Less Auto Industry	24,200	23,100	23,600	28,400	28,800	23,400

[1/]DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1986			1985		
	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.
All Items	320.3	320.1	319.1	316.3	309.2	310.4
Food & Beverages	309.0	308.8	311.4	310.2	308.3	305.6
Housing	333.5	334.0	335.8	317.1	320.8	321.9
Apparel & Upkeep	181.1	180.8	181.0	180.1	181.3	182.8
Transportation	343.5	339.9	335.4	327.9	328.1	330.3
Medical	458.2	461.8	466.8	433.2	436.2	438.1
Entertainment	250.1	249.1	249.1	241.3	241.6	243.9
Other Goods & Services	356.8	361.7	364.2	333.9	338.7	337.2
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	0.9	0.4
Yearly	4.6	3.5	2.8	4.0	4.3	4.6
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index	328.4	327.5	326.0	316.1	317.4	318.8
Mo. Change (%)	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	0.2	0.4	0.4
Yr. Change (%)	3.7	3.2	2.8	3.6	3.5	3.7

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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DELAWARE and Wilmington (New Castle, De., Salem, N.J. and Cecil, Md. Counties) SMSA LABOR MARKET TRENDS

Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

VOLUME 31 NO. 2 2ND QUARTER, 1986 JULY 31, 1986

-HIGHLIGHTS-

- Despite auto layoffs, Delaware's second -quarter unemployment rates remain relatively unchanged over the year.
- Average weekly wages of manufacturing production workers declined over the quarter to $411.68.
- DuPont and Hercules' profits rose 44% and 58%, respectively, over last year's first half earnings.
- Delaware's rate of job growth was the ninth highest in the nation in 1985
- The Legislature approved a nine percent personal income tax reduction.
- Scottish York International Insurance, Inc. moves to Wilmington, bringing about 80 employees.
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware opens its own family practice center in Dover.
- A 62-unit motel and a shopping center of 20-25 stores are proposed for a site on U. S. Route 13 near Bridgeville.
- For the first six months of 1986, total nonagricultural employment increased to 294,000; a gain of 6,500 jobs.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		APR.	MAY	JUN[1]	APR.	MAY	JUN[1]	APR.	MAY	JUN[1]	APR.	MAY	JUN[1]
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1986	323.0	324.7	324.4	305.6	306.9	308.2	17.3	17.8	16.3	5.4	5.5	5.0
	1985	312.4	311.6	312.6	294.0	294.7	297.2	18.3	16.9	15.4	5.9	5.4	4.9
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1986	320.8	326.3	332.1	304.4	310.3	314.6	16.4	16.0	17.5	5.1	4.9	5.3
	1985	310.1	313.2	320.0	292.9	298.0	303.4	17.3	15.2	16.6	5.6	4.9	5.2
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1986	279.3	282.5	284.4	263.9	267.0	268.0	15.3	15.5	16.3	5.5	5.5	5.7
	1985	276.3	275.8	279.5	260.7	262.5	264.3	15.6	13.3	15.0	5.6	4.8	5.4
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2]	1986	117,234.0	117,664.0	118,116.0	108,892.0	109,110.0	109,673.0	8,342.0	8,554.0	8,443.0	7.1	7.3	7.1
	1985	115,256.0	115,339.0	115,024.0	106,872.0	106,939.0	106,601.0	8,384.0	8,400.0	8,423.0	7.3	7.3	7.3
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2]	1986	3,847.0	3,916.0	3,942.0	3,666.0	3,699.0	3,745.0	181.0	217.0	197.0	4.7	5.5	5.0
	1985	3,842.0	3,818.0	3,844.0	3,612.0	3,620.0	3,635.0	230.0	198.0	209.0	6.0	5.2	5.4
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2]	1986	8,345.0	8,401.0	8,464.0	7,762.0	7,783.0	7,968.0	583.0	618.0	496.0	7.0	7.4	5.9
	1985	8,201.0	8,253.0	8,236.0	7,634.0	7,649.0	7,702.0	567.0	604.0	534.0	6.9	7.3	6.5
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2]	1986	5,707.0	5,694.0	5,573.0	5,304.0	5,245.0	5,211.0	403.0	449.0	362.0	7.1	7.9	6.5
	1985	5,546.0	5,531.0	5,557.0	5,090.0	5,055.0	5,096.0	456.0	476.0	461.0	8.2	8.6	8.3
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1986	2,281.2	2,315.5	2,362.2	2,190.1	2,229.0	2,269.8	91.1	86.5	92.4	4.0	3.7	3.9
	1985	2,232.1	2,247.1	2,275.7	2,130.9	2,152.4	2,175.5	101.2	94.7	100.2	4.5	4.2	4.4

[1] PRELIMINARY [2] U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (Table-1)

Delaware's seasonally adjusted second-quarter unemployment rates remained relatively stable over the year, despite retooling layoffs in the auto industry. The rate was 5.4 percent in April, 5.5 percent in May and 5.0 percent in June. The nonseasonally adjusted unemployment rates showed the same movement as year-ago figures; registering 5.1 percent in April, declining to 4.9 percent in May, and increasing to 5.3 percent in June. The Delaware civilan labor force averaged 324,000 during the second quarter, representing a 3.8 percent increase over the year-ago quarter.

Nationally, second-quarter average unemployment rates declined slightly over the year to stand at 7.1 percent in April, 7.3 percent in May and 7.1 percent in June.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE - 2 & 2A)

Total State nonagricultural wage and salary employment, rising each month of the quarter reached a new high of 301,000. The nonmanufacturing wage and salary employment sector accounted for the gains, with normal seasonal increases combined with general business gains in contract construction, especially in special trade contractors, retail trade - restaurants; and services - primarily in amusement and recreation facilities. Nonmanufacturing, higher each month than the year-ago quarter, followed its previous trend, while manufacturing was lower than the comparable year-ago quarter. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Wilmington PMSA, experiencing the same quarterly movement as the State, ended the period at its highest level of the year, 257,700, with over-the-year gains registering each month of the quarter.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware, after reaching a new high in March, declined in April, rose in May and declined again in June to end the quarter at $411.68. Less

overtime worked at premium pay in the food and kindred products sector was responsible for the June decline.

Wilmington PMSA average weekly earnings also decreased in April, however, rose in both May and June, ending the quarter at $487.30. Overtime worked at premium pay in the fabricated metal and chemicals and allied product sectors accounted for the increase.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry, which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.

DELAWARE STATEWIDE - **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware (BCBS)** purchased one Delaware insurance company and agreed to buy another in May and is adding life, disablility and liability insurance to its benefit packages. BCBS will pay $2.2 million for the stock of Allnation Life Insurance Co., subject to stockholder approval. BCBS has already completed the purchase of the Epic Corp, an inactive liability insurance company. Long term, it is expected that the after-tax profits of the insurance companies will be paid to BCBS in the form of dividends and should eventually reduce rates.

The Foreign Bank Development Act was signed in July by Governor Castle. The Act will permit foreign banks to establish subsidiaries in Delaware and gain the same tax breaks that the Financial Center Development Act banks now enjoy, but would not have the capital or employment requirements. Foreign banks also would not be able to compete with local banks for consumer business.

Two major Delaware chemical firms show profits up for the first and second quarters of 1986. **Dupont and Hercules** profits rose by 44% and 58%, respectively, over the same period a year ago.

Martha Harris, Director of the **State Division of Housing and Community Development,** announced housing legislation which would add $2.5 million to the State's Housing Development Trust Fund; boosting the fund balance from $8.6 million to $11.1 million. The legislation also would establish a $3 surcharge on documents registered in county recorder of deeds offices, raising an estimated $400,000 annually for the housing development needs of low and moderate income persons in the State.

I C I Americas Inc. of Delaware will provide the framework for consolidation and reorganization of all U. S. operations of Imperial Chemical Industries, PLC. This reorganization will increase I C I Americas' sales from $1.6 billion to $2.4 billion and should eventually mean more jobs for Wilmington, if I C I Americas continues the nearly 20% annual growth in sales it has achieved since 1975; according to Harry Corless, President.

The legislature approved a **nine percent personal income tax reduction** on June 30 in a compromise with Governor Castle's requested ten percent cut. The compromise included several cuts in taxes for businesses: (1) increasing excludables from retailers gross receipts tax to $25,000 per month; (2) a minimum $6,000 monthly gross receipts exclusion for all businesses; and (3) a $300,000 gross receipts tax cut for Delaware Park.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - **American International Group, Inc.** (AIG) announced in mid-May the formation of an insurance subsidiary in Delaware that will employ 800 to 1,000 people by 1989. The new unit will be a marketing organization for personal insurance lines, including property and casualty insurances on homes and autos, as well as life and health insurance. The new group will occupy two of three buildings planned for the new Rockwood Office Park located off Interstate-95 at Carr Road. The first building is expected to be completed in January. More than 400 people will begin work at the Rockwood site. The $24 million office park is being developed by Rockwood Office Park Associates L.P.

New Castle County Council approved rezoning of 104 acres at Blue Ball along U.S. Route 202 for offices. Principal owner of **Blueball Properties**, William A. Bundeson, has agreed to an intial phase development of 227,000 square feet. Eventually office space at the site could expand to as much as one million square feet, but it must be tied to the capacity of adjacent roads to handle resulting traffic. . . . . In May the Stat Organization, which has a long-term lease on 67 acres on U.S. Route 13 that includes the **New Castle Farmers Market**, announced a Bonnanza and Pizza Hut restaurant will be built on land in front of the market. Further North of the Farmers Market, a $7.3 million strip shopping center will be built. The principle tenants will be a Pathmark Supermarket. In addition to the 49,000 square-foot store, the remaining 160,000 square

feet of stores will include approximately 40 smaller stores and one additional 80,000 square foot anchor store.

Linpro-Delle Donne Partnership was selected to build an office, retail and hotel complex for more than $200 million in the Christina Gateway. Linpro-Delle Donne has proposed building 1.2 million square feet of office space, a restaurant, hotel and retail center over four and one-half years. The complex would run from Fourth Street to Wilmington Boulevard and from King to Walnut Streets north of Amtrak's Wilmington station. . . . . **United Manufacturing Co. Inc.**, an eight-year-old Newport computer company, received a $2 million industrial revenue bond from the State to help relocate in a new $1.3 million building in the Airport Industrial Park near the Greater Wilmington Airport. Construction of the 40,000 square-foot building is expected to start in June. Total cost for construction and updated equipment is expected to be $2.5 million.

Scottish York International Insurance, Inc. said it will move to Wilmington in July; bringing two subsidiaries and about 80 employees. The company, based in Princeton, N.J., has signed a long-term lease for 23,000 square feet of space in the former corporate headquarters of B. F. Shaw, Inc. . . . . **Stonier Graduate School of Banking**, a 52 year-old bank management school, sponsored by the American Bankers Association, moved to the University of Delaware, Newark from Rutgers University because of the University's superior facilities. The school draws more than 1,000 students each year from banks nationwide. . . . . Richard M. Schlesinger, a general partner with Tall Tree Associates, reported plans for a $45 million housing project on the site of the former **Royal Oaks Apartments** . Tall Tree Associates plans to create 400-600 luxury condiminium apartments and townhouses from the 92 buildings occupying the site. Work has begun on 60 homes in the most southerly buildings; twenty-eight are scheduled to be opened by Labor Day.

In June, the **Center for Composite Materials** at the University of Delaware's College of Engineering was awarded a $5.3 million research grant from the Army under the Department of Defense's new University Research Initiative Program. Last year the center won a $7.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation to establish it as a national research center. In July the center will complete the bidding process for a new $5 million laboratory on the Newark campus. The new building will be attached to the north end of Newark Hall, the former Newark Central Elementary School on Academy Street. Some of the new high-tech equipment to be installed in the center will be a small ballistics lab, a filament winding machine, lasers for precision welding, and ultrasound equipment for non-destructive quality control testings. . . . . The State Department of Transportation has approved a $15 million **overpass on Delaware 273** to help ease rush hour congestion throught Ogletown.

Kent County - **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware** will open its own family practice center in Dover in July. The center is to be staffed initially by three family physicians providing 24-hour coverage. The center is expected to be at 901 S. Governors Ave. where the existing Blue Cross offices are located. . . . . The Dover City Planning Commission gave final approval in July to a condominium **mobile home community** of more than 500 sites behind Dover Downs racetrack. Work on the 91-acre development is expected to start in August. . . . . A 450-acre site near **Wyoming** is planned for residential development, a golf course and a country club according to James E. Liguori, a partner in the Quail Associates development group. The 18-hole championship golf course is being designed by Ault, Clark and Associates. . . . . **Second National Building and Loan Association**, was given approval in June by the State Bank Commissioner to open a branch office in Dover's Blue Hen Mall. The approval brings the Maryland thrifts approved sites in Delaware to five altogether with three more applications planned.

Sussex County - A 62-unit motel and a shopping center of 20-25 stores are proposed for an 18-acre site on U. S. 13 near **Bridgeville** according to Robert W. Martin, agent for the Washington D.C. developer, John Scott. . . . . The merger of Greenwood Building and Loan Association into the branch system of **Second National Building and Loan Association**, a Maryland thrift, was approved by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board

and Delaware's State Bank Commissioner; with the new Second National office opening June 2. . . . . **Atlantic Sands Motel** in Rehoboth is adding 32 rooms to its original 82 for the 1986 summer season. . . . . An additional 60-unit motel, the **Sand Castle Motel and Shops** was opened Memorial Day weekend at the corner of Rehoboth and First Avenues. . . . . Two new restaurants were also opened for the 1986 season in Rehoboth. They are the **Lamexicana Cajun and Mexican Restaurant** on Rehoboth Avenue and the **Irish Eyes Restaurant and Pub** on Wilmington Avenue's ocean block. . . . . **DuPont Co.'s Nylon Plant** in Seaford was damaged by fire in early June, at a cost of $500,000. The plant operated at 30-40% capacity with 300-400 workers temporarily out of work until full production was restored in late June. . . . . Joeseph Conaway, Sussex County Administrator, reported plans for a $75 million revenue **bond program** to provide low-interest loans for the capital budgets of Sussex County towns. A public hearing is scheduled for August with a county council vote to follow the hearing, after which time the bond sales could proceed. Conaway further noted the bonds would cover all capital expenditures other than sewers. . . . . A Pittsburgh developer, RR&Z Realty Investments, Inc. was exempted by Sussex County Council from the County's rezoning moratorium. This exemption will allow development of a 14-store **shopping center** on U.S. 113 near Georgetown.

Auto Industry - Chrysler and United Auto Workers officials announced an employee training program at the Newark Plant which features five computer consoles to teach employees about the right-to-know law concerning hazardous materials. The program costs $85,000 plus $27,000 for each training console and is considered well spent for the individualized instruction employees receive and the flexibility the console provides, in that they can be adapted to other training programs. . . . . Both Chrysler and GM assembly plants were shut down for retooling over this quarter. Chrysler Plant spokesman, Ronald Butler, said most of the 4,500 workers will take paid vacations or be placed on temporary layoff during the changeover, which is expected to be completed in August. GM's boxwood plant has undergone an extensive $300 million overhaul and modernization and is expected to reopen in October.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the second quarter of 1986 were with a benefit amount of $14,408,420 paid out.

The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment during the second quarter increased to $155 from the first quarter.

Continued claim counts registered 97,000 during the quarter. This represents a 102 percent increase over the year-ago quarter, owing to layoffs in the auto industry.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) rose 0.9 percent in June following a decline of 0.4 percent in April and a gain of 0.3 percent in May. The June increase, only the second rise in five months, was attributed to higher housing and transportation costs. The index in June, of 321.7, represented a moderate gain of 2.4 percent in the past twelve months. Nationally, the June index was 327.9, for a monthly gain of 0.5 percent and a yearly increase of only 1.7 percent.

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

The following list, by broad occupational category, indicates the number of job applicants available through the Division of Employmnet and Training as of June, 1986:

Occupational Group	Active Applicants	Percent of Total
Total Applicants	8,322	100.0
Professional, Tech. & Managerial	863	10.4
Clerical	1,450	17.4
Sales	326	3.9
Services	1,899	22.9
Farming, Forestry, & Fishing	204	2.5
Processing	415	5.0
Machine Trades	433	5.2
Benchwork	314	3.8
Structural Trade	1,439	17.3
Transportation	460	5.5
Packaging, Material Handling	480	5.8
Miscellaneous and not assigned	39	0.5

Employers with job openings are urged to utilize this labor source and contact the Division of Employment and Training at the 24-hour hotline number 1-800-231-JOBS.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLE
DELAWARE EMPLOYMENET TRENDS BY SECTOR

Delaware Total Non-Agricultural Employment for the first six months of 1986 averaged 294,000 for a net gain of 6,500 jobs over the comparable period in 1985. The largest gains were in services (+3,700) mainly for business and health services; trade (+3,100) with increases in nearly every retail industry; and finance, insurance and real estate (+2,400) with continued sharp gains in banking employment.

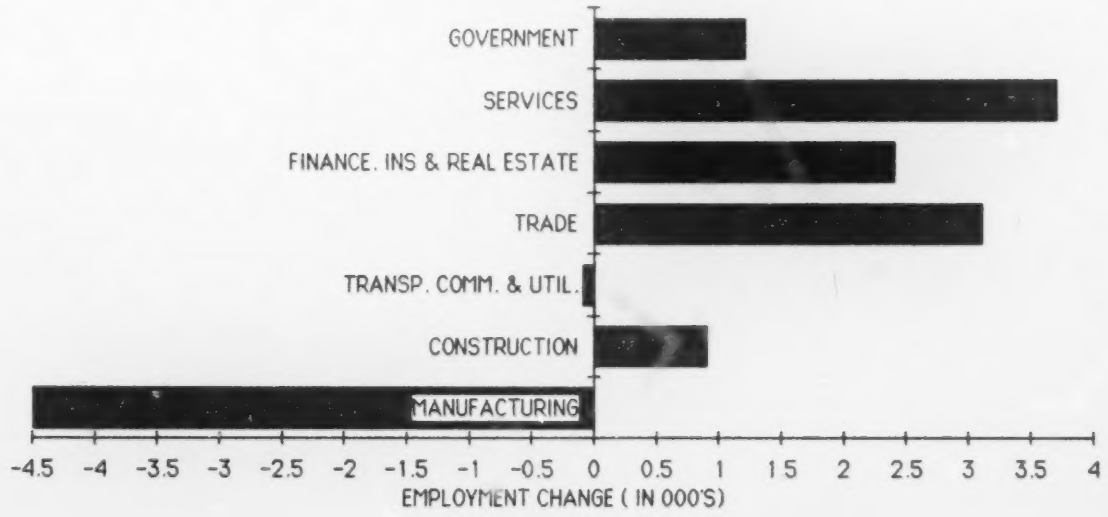
Government employment (+1,500) rose as a result of more jobs in education. Construction gains (+900) were attributed to the continued expansion in the number of commercial and office buildings. Manufacturing employment declined (-4,500) due to model changeover activity in the automobile industry. The following table and chart highlights the recent changes in Delaware employment (see page eleven).

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY SECTOR : JANUARY-JUNE, 1985 VS. 1986
(IN 000'S)

	1985	1986	1985-1986 CHANGE NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	287.5	294.0	6.5	2.3%
MANUFACTURING	72.4	67.9	-4.5	-6.2%
MINING	0.1	0.1	—	--
CONSTRUCTION	16.4	17.3	0.9	5.5%
TRANSP. COMM. & UTIL.	11.9	11.8	-0.1	-0.8%
TRADE	62.5	65.6	3.1	5.0%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL EST.	18.8	21.2	2.4	12.8%
SERVICES	60.9	64.6	3.7	6.1%
GOVERNMENT	44.4	45.6	1.2	2.7%

NOTE: DETAIL MAY NOT ADD TO TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING.

COMPARISON OF JOB CHANGE BY SECTOR: JAN.-JUNE, 1985 VS. 1986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EMPLOYMENT CHANGE (IN 000'S)

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2 DELAWARE

INDUSTRY GROUP	1986			1985		
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	293.7	297.9	301.0	289.1	292.6	297.2
Manufacturing	66.6	66.4	67.7	72.8	70.7	71.9
Durable Goods	15.8	15.9	16.4	20.2	20.0	20.2
Primary Metals	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.9	1.8	1.8
Fabricated Metals	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Machinery	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.5
Transportation Equipment	5.8	5.8	6.2	9.5	9.7	9.8
Other Durable Goods	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2
Nondurable Goods	50.8	50.5	51.3	52.6	50.7	51.7
Food & Kindred	9.1	9.0	9.6	9.1	9.3	9.5
Textile & Apparel	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.6
Paper & Allied Pro.	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.9
Printing & Publishing	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.4
Chemicals	31.2	31.2	31.2	32.7	30.8	31.3
Rubber & Plastics	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9
Other Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
NonManufacturing	227.0	231.5	233.3	216.3	221.8	225.2
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Contract Construction	17.4	18.3	18.8	16.9	18.1	18.7
General Bldg. Contr.	5.2	5.4	5.5	4.8	5.1	5.3
Heavy Const. Contr.	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.1
Special Trade Contr.	9.8	10.4	10.8	9.6	10.1	10.4
Trans.,Comm., & Public Utilities	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.1	12.2
Local & Interurban Pass.	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.6
Trucking & Warehousing	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3
Communication	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Electric Gas & San. Service	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Other Transportation	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.9
Wholesale & Retail Trade	65.6	67.4	68.8	62.4	64.4	66.6
Wholesale Trade	11.4	11.3	11.2	11.1	11.1	11.2
Wholesale-Durable	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.2
Wholesale-Nondurable	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1
Retail Trade	54.2	56.1	57.6	51.3	53.3	55.4
Bldg. Mat. & Garden Sup.	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2
General Merch. Stores	8.6	8.8	8.9	7.8	8.2	8.2
Food Stores	8.3	8.5	8.7	7.9	8.1	8.3
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	6.0	6.1	6.1	5.8	5.8	5.9
Apparel & Accessory	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.7	2.9
Furniture & Home Furn.	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Eating & Drinking Places	16.4	17.7	18.7	15.7	16.9	18.3
Miscellaneous Retail	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.1	7.1	7.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	21.3	21.5	21.9	18.9	19.3	19.9
Banking	10.4	10.5	10.9	8.8	9.0	9.4
Finance, Exc. Banks	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.2
Insur., Carriers, Agents,Brokers	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5
Real Estate	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.8
Services	65.0	66.3	67.4	61.0	62.8	64.0
Personal Service	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.8
Business Service	16.7	17.1	17.3	15.4	15.8	16.2
Auto & Misc. Repair	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8
Amusement & Recreation	2.5	3.2	3.6	2.2	2.9	3.4
Health Services	17.5	17.6	17.9	16.5	16.8	16.9
Legal Services	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.9
Educational Services	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.7
Social Services	5.1	5.2	5.1	4.7	4.8	4.8
Other Services	11.6	11.9	12.1	11.0	11.3	11.6
Government	45.9	46.1	44.5	45.1	45.0	43.7
Federal Government	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.6
State & Local Government	40.4	40.7	38.9	39.6	39.5	38.1
State Government	22.1	22.2	20.3	21.4	21.3	19.9
State Ed	9.1	9.1	6.8	8.7	8.6	6.9
State Non-Ed	13.0	13.1	13.5	12.7	12.7	13.0
Local Government	18.3	18.4	18.6	18.2	18.2	18.2
Local Ed	13.7	13.8	13.8	13.6	13.4	13.2
Local Non-Ed	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.8	5.0
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.3

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2A WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA)

INDUSTRY GROUP	1986 APRIL	1986 MAY	1986 JUNE	1985 APRIL	1985 MAY	1985 JUNE
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	253.6	256.2	257.7	254.2	255.5	256.7
Manufacturing	57.7	57.7	58.5	63.6	61.5	62.3
Durable Goods	15.2	15.3	15.8	19.7	19.5	19.7
Primary Metals	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0
Fabricated Metals	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3
Machinery	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.1	3.8	3.8
Transportation Equipment	6.0	6.0	6.4	9.8	9.9	10.1
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5
Nondurable Goods	42.5	42.4	42.7	43.9	42.0	42.6
Food & Kindred	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
Textile & Apparel	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
Printing & Publishing	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.9
Chemicals	33.1	33.0	33.2	34.3	32.4	33.0
Rubber & Plastics	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8
NonManufacturing	195.9	198.4	199.2	190.5	194.0	194.4
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Contract Construction	15.8	16.3	16.7	18.1	18.8	18.8
General Bldg. Contr.	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.5
Heavy Const. Contr.	5.0	4.9	4.9	7.6	7.7	7.2
Special Trade Contr.	7.5	8.0	8.3	7.5	7.9	8.2
Trans., Comm., & Public Utilities	13.1	13.2	13.3	13.0	13.2	13.2
Local & Interurban Pass.	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Trucking & Warehousing	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.2
Communication	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Electric Gas & San. Serv.	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5
Other Transportation	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7
Wholesale & Retail Trade	53.2	54.0	54.7	51.2	52.1	52.6
Wholesale Trade	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.2	9.2
Wholesale-Durable	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4
Wholesale-Nondurable	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7
Retail Trade	44.0	44.8	45.5	42.1	43.0	43.4
Bldg. Mat. & Garden Sup.	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.4
General Merch. Stores	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.4	6.6	6.7
Food Stores	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.6
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.1	5.1	5.2
Apparel & Accessory	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.1
Furniture & Home Furn.	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
Eating & Drinking Places	13.4	14.1	14.4	13.1	13.6	13.7
Miscellaneous Retail	6.0	6.1	6.2	5.8	5.8	5.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	19.9	20.1	20.6	17.6	17.9	18.4
Banking	10.0	10.0	10.4	8.3	8.6	8.9
Finance, Exc. Banks	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.1
Insur. Carriers, Agents, Brokers	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.2
Real Estate	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.0	3.1	3.2
Services	57.4	58.2	59.2	54.2	55.7	56.6
Personal Services	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2
Business Services	14.7	14.8	14.9	13.7	14.2	14.5
Auto & Misc. Repair	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4
Amusement & Recreation	2.1	2.7	2.9	1.8	2.5	2.9
Health Services	16.4	16.4	16.8	15.2	15.5	15.7
Legal Services	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
Educational	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5
Social Services	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.7	3.7
Other Services	10.3	10.5	10.6	10.0	10.1	10.1
Government	36.3	36.5	34.4	36.3	36.0	34.5
Federal Government	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5
State & Local Government	31.9	32.1	30.0	31.7	31.5	30.0
State Government	14.3	14.4	12.4	13.9	13.7	12.2
State Ed	7.7	7.7	5.6	7.3	7.2	5.6
State Non-Ed	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.6
Local Government	17.5	17.7	17.6	17.8	17.8	17.7
Local Ed	12.4	12.5	12.4	12.7	12.6	12.4
Local Non-Ed	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.3
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.3

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AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE*

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1986

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE 1/	APRIL	MAY	JUNE 1/	APRIL	MAY	JUNE 1/
MANUFACTURING	$ 400.58	$ 408.70	$ 411.68	40.3	41.2	41.5	$ 9.94	$ 9.92	$ 9.92
DURABLE GOODS	441.07	455.84	476.01	39.7	40.7	43.0	11.11	11.20	11.07
Primary Metals	431.86	429.30	422.86	43.1	41.2	42.8	10.02	10.42	9.88
Fabricated Metals	359.04	343.98	328.48	38.4	37.8	37.8	9.35	9.10	8.69
Machinery	441.13	423.98	424.75	38.9	38.3	38.3	11.34	11.07	11.09
Transportation Equip.	544.66	592.75	637.73	39.1	42.4	47.1	13.93	13.98	13.54
NONDURABLE GOODS	376.36	382.30	373.52	40.6	41.6	40.6	9.27	9.19	9.20
Food & Kindred	267.06	277.80	281.23	39.8	41.9	42.1	6.71	6.63	6.68
Textile & Apparel	258.16	269.72	268.93	40.4	39.9	39.9	6.39	6.76	6.74
Paper & Allied Prod.	364.42	410.18	379.48	37.3	41.6	36.7	9.77	9.86	10.34
Print, & Publishing	322.64	324.67	307.68	35.3	35.6	33.7	9.14	9.12	9.13
Chemicals	546.98	550.82	542.12	42.5	42.6	40.7	12.87	12.93	13.32
Rubber & Plastics	482.74	428.06	432.22	45.2	41.6	41.6	10.68	10.29	10.39

1985

MANUFACTURING	$ 403.03	$ 422.42	$ 393.72	41.0	42.2	40.8	$ 9.83	$10.01	$ 9.65
DURABLE GOODS	461.13	492.86	433.76	42.5	43.5	40.2	10.85	11.33	10.79
Primary Metals	404.81	390.52	393.44	42.3	41.5	41.9	9.57	9.41	9.39
Fabricated Metals	335.66	350.36	334.28	38.1	38.0	37.9	8.81	9.22	8.82
Machinery	423.57	437.36	433.01	36.8	38.5	39.4	11.51	11.36	10.99
Transportation Equip.	542.55	593.21	491.24	45.1	46.2	40.2	12.03	12.84	12.22
NONDURABLE GOODS	358.60	368.74	362.97	39.8	41.2	41.2	9.01	8.95	8.81
Food & Kindred	238.24	255.76	266.70	37.4	39.9	42.0	6.37	6.41	6.35
Textile & Apparel	224.75	228.75	232.02	37.9	37.5	38.8	5.93	6.10	5.98
Paper & Allied Prod.	375.06	396.50	332.63	42.0	44.5	37.0	8.93	8.91	8.99
Print, & Publishing	318.28	317.85	303.83	36.5	34.7	34.1	8.72	9.16	8.91
Chemicals	521.48	530.93	526.54	42.5	43.2	42.6	12.27	12.29	12.36
Rubber & Plastics	411.41	418.28	420.01	42.9	43.3	43.3	9.59	9.66	9.70

Covers an average 31,400 production workers

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WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA)**

1986

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE 1/	APRIL	MAY	JUNE 1/	APRIL	MAY	JUNE 1/
MANUFACTURING	$ 464.76	$ 471.37	$ 487.30	40.1	40.6	41.9	$ 11.59	$ 11.61	$ 11.63
DURABLE GOODS	460.99	480.76	506.97	39.3	40.4	43.0	11.73	11.90	11.79
Primary Metals	432.29	429.72	423.29	43.1	41.2	42.8	10.03	10.43	9.89
Fabricated Metals	324.63	320.72	314.33	37.4	38.0	38.1	8.68	8.44	8.25
Machinery	422.65	404.25	401.66	39.5	38.5	38.0	10.70	10.50	10.57
TransportationEquip.	540.48	588.56	635.03	38.8	42.1	46.9	13.93	13.98	13.54
NONDURABLE GOODS	468.71	462.58	467.98	40.9	40.9	40.8	11.46	11.31	11.47
Food & Kindred	239.39	215.27	214.88	39.7	38.1	38.1	6.03	5.65	5.64
Textile & Apparel	265.47	285.61	282.90	39.8	38.7	38.7	6.67	7.38	7.31
Print., & Publishing	384.12	376.50	354.24	36.0	34.7	33.2	10.67	10.85	10.67
Chemicals	607.75	614.42	634.36	41.4	43.7	43.9	14.68	14.06	14.45
Rubber & Plastics	444.87	397.79	406.21	42.9	39.7	40.1	10.37	10.02	10.13

1985

MANUFACTURING	$ 473.41	$ 500.09	$ 455.71	41.6	43.0	40.4	$ 11.38	$ 11.63	$ 11.28
DURABLE GOODS	472.34	502.24	443.92	41.8	43.0	39.6	11.30	11.68	11.21
Primary Metals	405.66	391.35	394.82	42.3	41.5	41.9	9.59	9.43	9.41
Fabricated Metals	302.19	318.06	314.93	37.4	37.2	38.5	8.08	8.55	8.18
Machinery	434.72	432.85	416.15	38.1	41.5	40.6	11.41	10.43	10.25
Transportation Equip.	529.32	580.37	481.90	44.0	45.2	39.5	12.03	12.84	12.20
NONDURABLE GOODS	477.67	496.35	472.27	41.5	42.9	41.5	11.51	11.57	11.38
Food & Kindred	260.21	241.56	224.99	41.7	39.6	35.6	6.24	6.10	6.32
Textile & Apparel	250.20	253.06	278.52	36.0	36.1	38.9	6.95	7.01	7.16
Print., & Publishing	370.48	362.34	358.11	36.5	33.0	34.6	10.15	10.98	10.35
Chemicals	633.04	672.60	627.54	43.9	47.5	44.1	14.42	14.16	14.23
Rubber & Plastics	369.00	387.66	382.63	41.0	42.0	41.5	9.00	9.23	9.22

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NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

AREA AND OFFICE	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)			AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
STATE TOTALS 1/	36,429	32,729	28,908	5,276,064	4,877,876	4,254,480	150	157	158
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	26,694	25,328	22,540	4,279,183	4,085,797	3,540,196	166	171	169
Wilmington L.O.	23,070	22,792	20,179	3,821,540	3,754,376	3,242,253	170	174	173
Newark L.O.	3,624	2,536	2,361	457,643	331,421	297,943	133	139	137
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	4,272	3,328	2,927	393,887	303,655	282,737	96	96	101
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	2,817	1,879	1,488	263,391	195,818	160,512	99	109	112

AREA AND OFFICE	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM					
				WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)		
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
STATE TOTALS 1/	1,143	929	942	8	0	6	1,168	0	147
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	623	519	443	8	0	0	1,168	0	0
Wilmington L.O.	444	376	292	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newark L.O.	179	143	151	8	0	6	1,168	0	147
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	291	154	155	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	94	150	261	0	0	0	0	0	0

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* INDICATES STATE INDICATOR OF AN EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD IS "OFF"
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

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	1986			1985		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
TOTAL COUNT	8,100	7,400	7,100	4,600	3,300	3,100
Number of Auto Industry	3,800	3,800	3,600	0	0	0
Total Less Auto Industry	4,300	3,600	3,500	4,600	3,300	3,100
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
TOTAL COUNT	37,300	30,600	29,100	19,600	15,700	12,500
Number of Auto Industry	17,900	15,200	14,800	0	0	0
Total Less Auto Industry	19,400	15,400	14,300	19,600	15,700	12,500

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PHILADELPHIA AREA

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EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1986			19		
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
All Items	317.8	318.9	321.7	312.4	314.2	314.2
Food & Beverages	311.5	312.1	312.0	305.5	305.7	304.7
Housing	333.6	334.1	340.5	323.6	327.9	328.8
Apparel & Upkeep	180.3	180.7	175.6	186.8	185.1	181.2
Transportation	320.8	324.2	328.1	333.0	334.5	336.1
Medical	469.5	467.5	469.4	439.0	440.2	443.3
Entertainment	253.2	252.7	254.3	244.4	245.7	243.0
Other Goods & Services	365.2	368.8	369.7	340.1	338.9	339.0
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly	- 0.4	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.0
Yearly	1.7	1.5	2.4	4.8	5.2	4.7
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index	325.3	326.3	327.9	320.1	321.3	322.3
Mo. Change (%)	- 0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
Yr. Change (%)	1.6	1.6	1.7	3.7	3.7	3.7

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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